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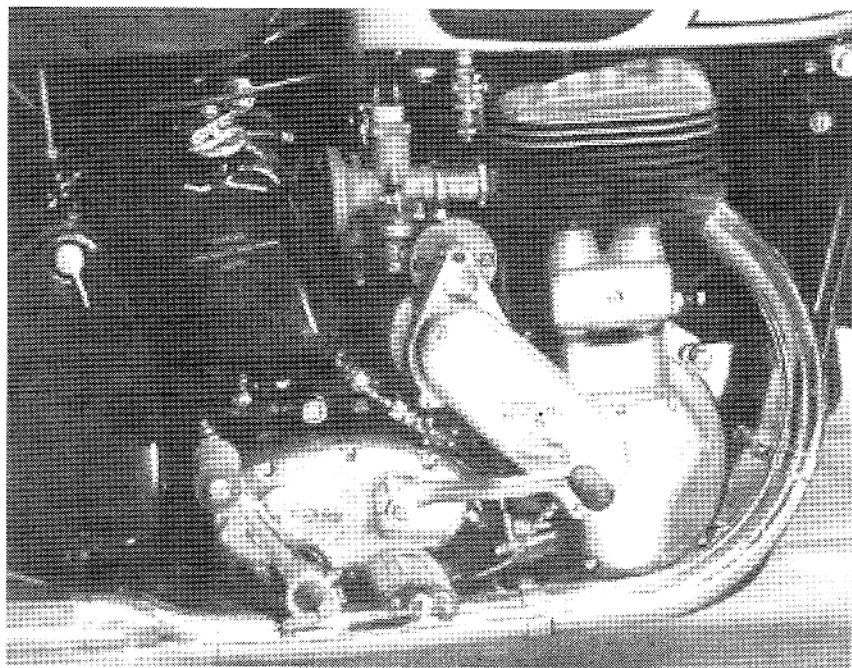


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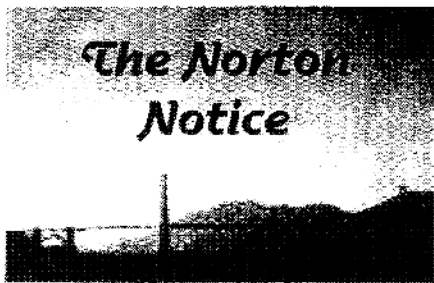
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30 YEARS OF THE NCNOC



1954 Big 4



is published by the Northern California Norton Owners Club. Its purpose is to inform and entertain members regarding all aspects of the Norton motorcycle, including history, technical advice, and preservation of the marque.

The NORTON NOTICE is a reflection of the readership, who are encouraged to submit any article, technical tip, photograph (original or otherwise) as long as it is in good taste, so that other Norton enthusiasts may enjoy it. (Good taste is somewhat optional, but hey-this is a group of bikers we're talking about here....that's why we have an editor.)

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Upcoming Events

2001 Club Rides Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>MEET AT</u>
Oct 7	10:00am	Old Timers Ride	Alice's/Skylonda
Oct 21	10:00am	Delta Ride	Geno's/Livermore
Nov 3	10:30am	All British Ride	Station House Cafe
			Pt Reyes Station
Nov 25	TBA	Turkey Ride	TBA

*NCNOC Points Rides in bold print

2001 NCNOC meetings

All Meetings start at 8:00pm (except Jul 1)

Oct 7 - Annual General Meeting & Old Timer's Ride San Mateo Memorial Park

Nov 8 - Athens Burgers Restaurant, Dublin

Dec 9 - Christmas Party

Prince of Wales - 106 E 25th St, San Mateo

Athens Burgers - 6999-A Dublin Blvd in Dublin,

Hopyard exit off Hwy 580 east (in Dublin) turn left on

Hopyard, then left on Dublin Blvd

President's Message.....by Mike Sullivan

Well, shoot. It is hard to think about motorcycle things with all that has been going on but here goes.

By the time you get this issue the East Bay Ride and the Old Timer's Ride and General Business Meetings will have happened. I hope that I will see you there.

This brings up another point. There seems to be a general lack of attendance and participation at all events. At the last two meetings at the Prince of Wales Pub there were only 10 and 8 members present. I have repeatedly asked for help from the South Bay Members for some help in finding a location for the meetings down there. I have yet to receive even one reply. What is going on? Is it a lack of leadership on my part or is it related to the general economy turn-down? I hope it is the latter! This is your Club and without your help it will just shrink up and blow away. You can be sure that there will be some discussion about this at the Old Timer's Ride.

On to other business...

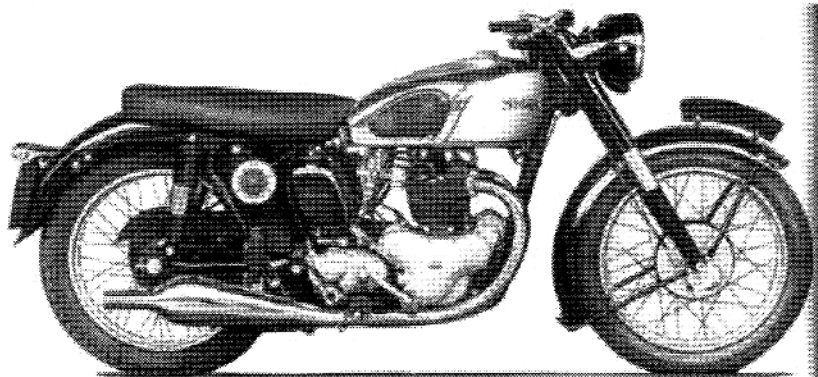
The next big event will be The All Brit Ride hosted by the BSA Club. Meet at the Station House Cafe in Point Reyes Station Saturday morning November 3. Try to get there early so the sign-ups can be out of the way before the ride takes off at 10:30am. I am sure that if the weather holds off it will be a great day so check your tire pressure and oil level, adjust your brakes and oil your chain and be there.

The next meeting will be at Athens Burgers in Dublin on 11/8/01 the Thursday after the All Brit Ride. Please come.

The Turkey Ride is scheduled for 11/25 the Sunday after Thanksgiving. If you are able to throw a leg over your bike and drag yourself away from the TV and the football games, please come.

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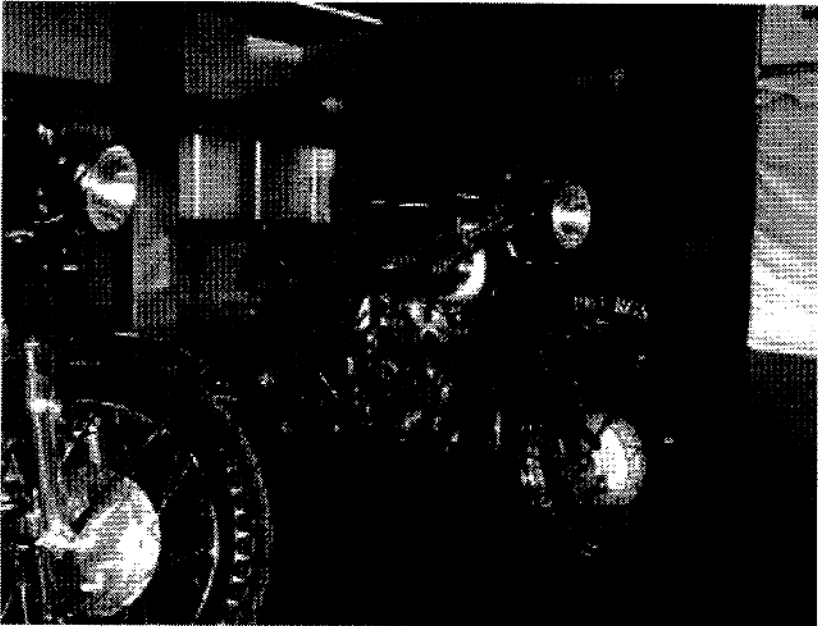
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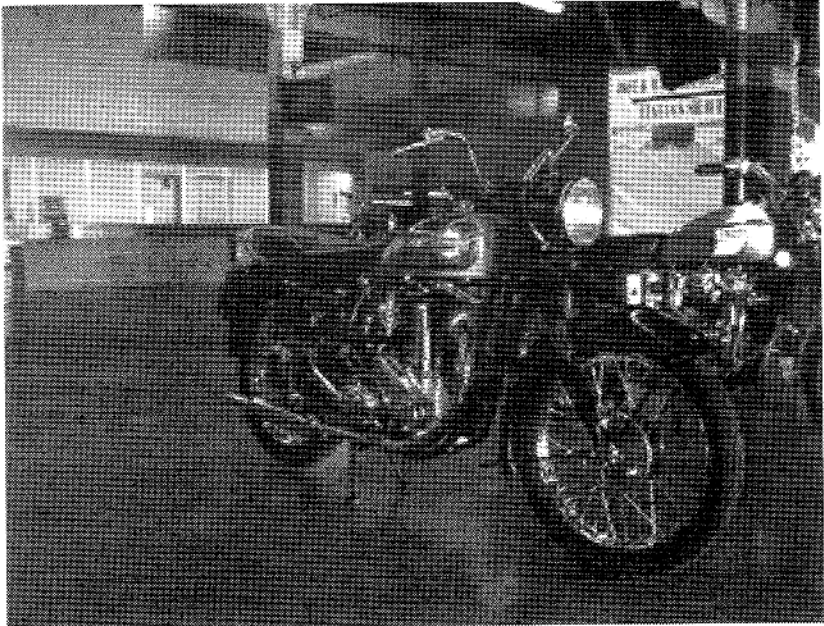


Machines on display at the Sacramento Vintage Mile at Cal Expo.

Above: 1938 AJS

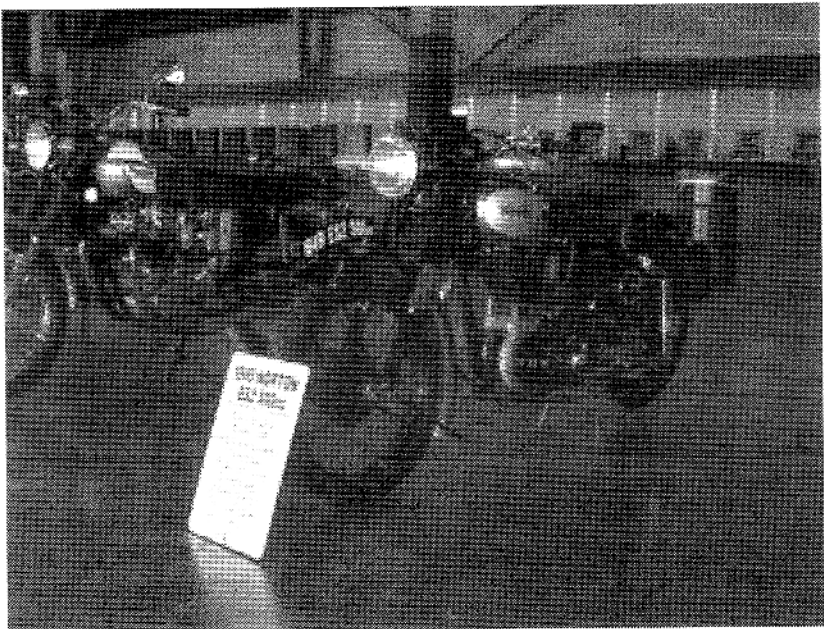
Below: 1963 BSA Rocket Gold Star

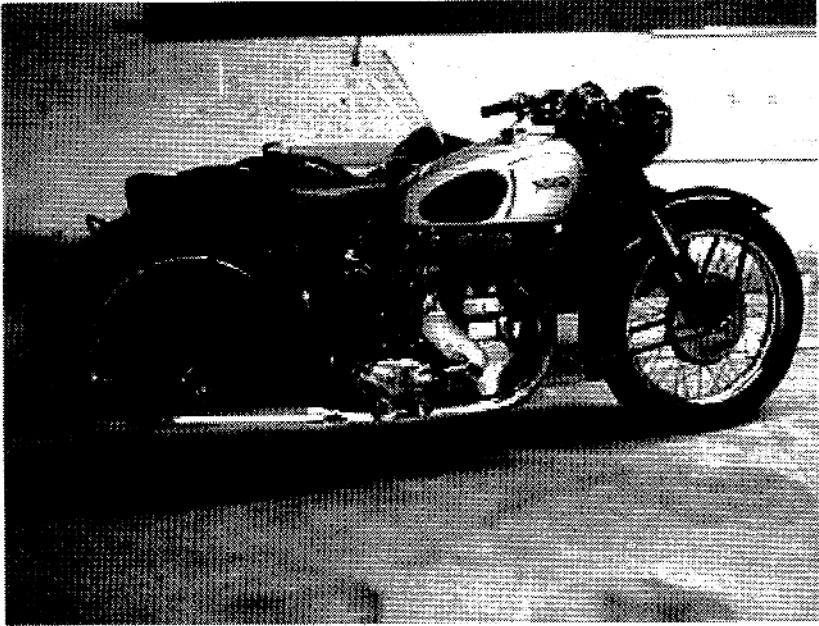




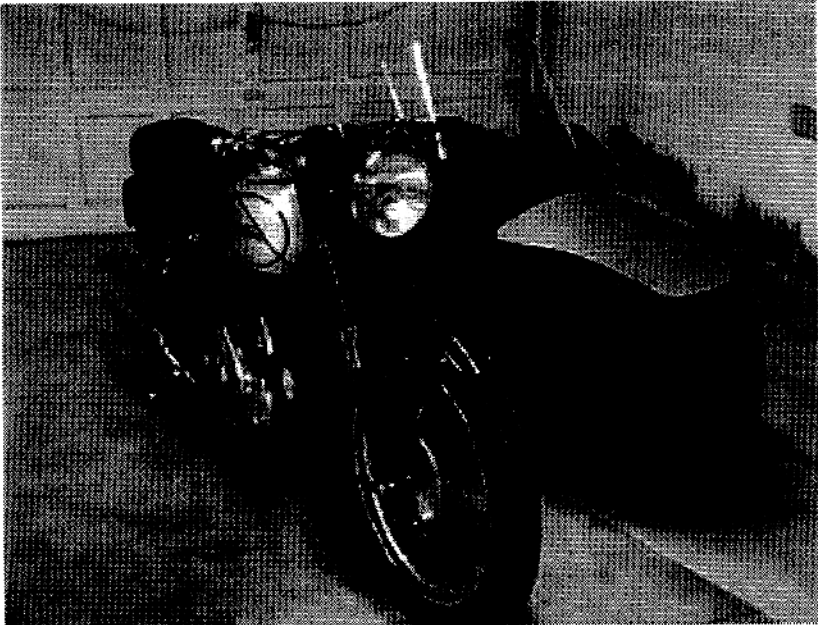
Above: BSA B33 (500cc single)

Below: Drive side of a 1949 Norton ES2. Gardengate frame with Norton's first rear suspension, plunger type.





Some nice pictures of a 1954 Big 4 outfit that was for sale on e-bay. The last I saw the bid was over \$12,000 and hadn't met reserve.



UPCOMING RIDES

October Rides

October 7th

Old Timers Ride

This will be the standard ride departing from Skylonda at 10:00 and going to Sam MacDonald Park for a BBQ. This being our 30th anniversary year we are hoping for a big turnout so put this one on your calendar. This will also be the club meeting for October and we will be nominating candidates for club offices.

October 21 - 10:00 AM

The Delta Ride

This year the Delta Ride will be a bit shorter so we will be starting from Livermore at 10:00 AM at Geno's (North Vasco Rd just off I580) instead of the earlier 9:15 of past rides. We will wind through some nice delta roads and culminate in Isleton for lunch where we can try the local specialty of crawdads (anyway you want them).

November 3 (Saturday)

All British Ride

The ride will leave the Station House Café in Point Reyes Station at 10:30am. This is the annual ride where the NCBSAOC invites all British made motorcycles (formerly Don Danmeier's Birthday ride). Typically there are a couple of hundred classic motorcycles.

For more information call Steve Fischer (415) 892-2197

November 25

Turkey Ride

Details to be advise in the future.

Pappy says get out and ride before it gets cold and wet!



Editor's Line....David Crader

With the cancellation of the Santa Cruz ride in August, I was having some withdraws from the sound of a few good Nortons droning down the road. Riding up to the Dardanelles was OK, but with just one other Commando, it isn't really the same as riding en mass. The East Bay Ride is coming up on the last day of September, but since the Old Timers is the following week, I have to make a choice. I'll see you at the Annual General Meeting at San Mateo County Park.

As a consolation, I got up Sunday morning, Sept 16, and left for Sacramento and Cal Expo. The Sacramento Mile had already gone off on Saturday and the Vintage Mile, vintage motorcycle show and swap meet was on Sunday. From Brentwood I went into Antioch then took the Hwy 160 bridge over the San Juaquin and Sacramento Rivers. Hwy 160 is also known as the Delta Road and is pretty scenic on a Sunday morning. Lots of boats in the river with people fishing in the early hours. After a little more than an hour of this and I was passing a city limit sign for Sacramento on Freeport Road. I got on I5 and stayed on Interstates the rest of the way to the state fairgrounds.

Riding a motorcycle to this event saved three dollars on parking cost and they had a "motorcycle corral" close to the gates. As I walked to the ticket booth, George and Sachi Shoblo were also paying the \$10 entrance fee. I can see why many of you might not want to go to this event if you're just looking for the swap meet. The entry is for the Vintage Mile, but you have to pay if you want to get in for anything.

The first table I came to was Chris from Wheel Works in Hayward. My quest was another alternator for the '61 ES2. Chris had an RM15, the original open coil type, but I really wanted the later encapsulated six volt. There weren't many vendors and nearly no Norton parts, so I went to the vintage bikes on display and snapped a few photos (look elsewhere in this issue). Among the group there were some nice old British singles.

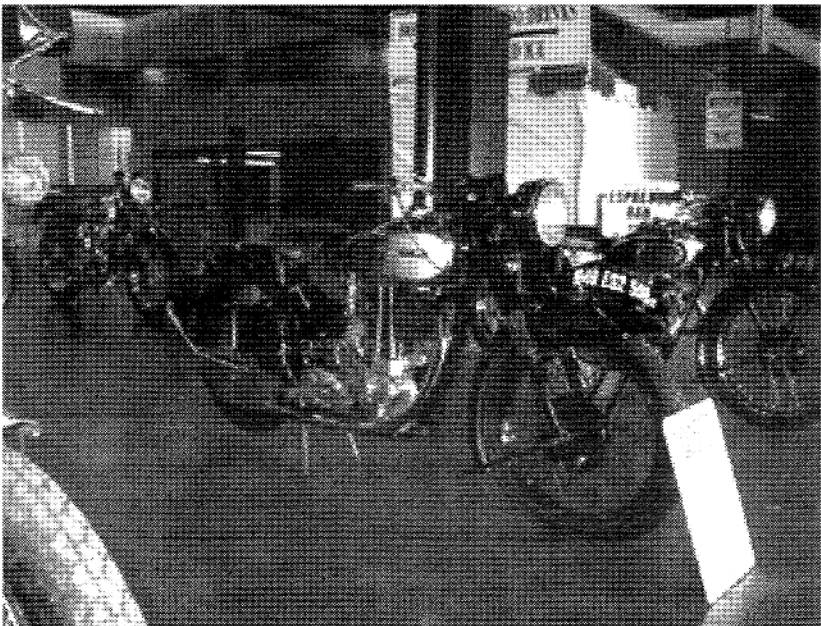
Back to the swap meet tables, I didn't see any other alternators, so I made my purchase with Chris. His negotiating technique was "make me a reasonable offer, you know what these things cost new." I wasn't willing to get too crazy on the price since around \$200 could get me a new rotor and encapsulated stator from England. Chris took my first offer, so I was satisfied.

Sacramento Mile

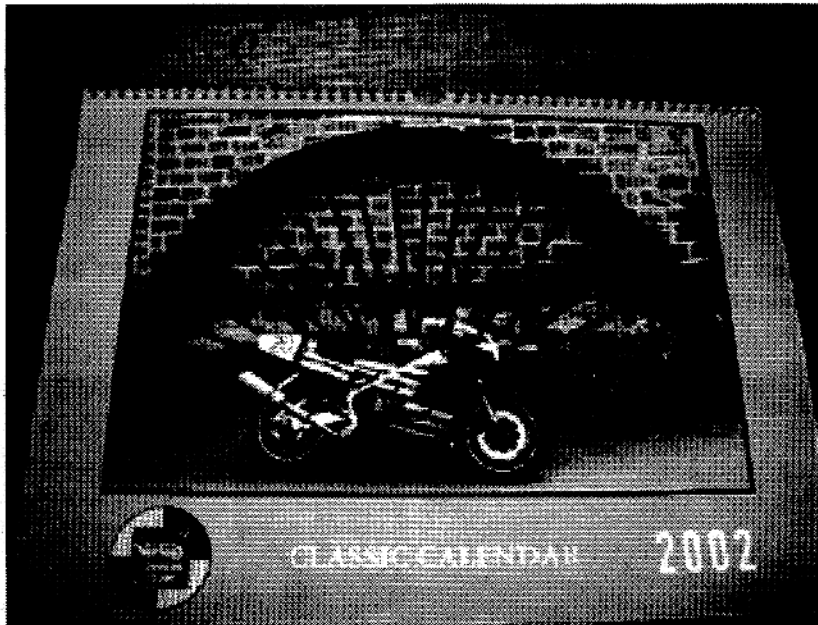
At 10:30 the races hadn't started even practice laps, so I decided to head back. Just made one error getting onto Hwy 99 south instead of going to 15. Florin Road is a lot longer than I expected, but I got to Freeport Road, turned left back to Hwy 160 and home.

After putting this alternator on the ES2, it shows improvement, but still runs with the amp needle slightly to the negative. Anyone willing to give me a hand, see me at the Old Timers. Hopefully I'll have the bike there.

Below: On display at the Cal Expo, 1949 Norton ES2 with plunger frame. Engine number 36247 and model year code F4 (79x100).



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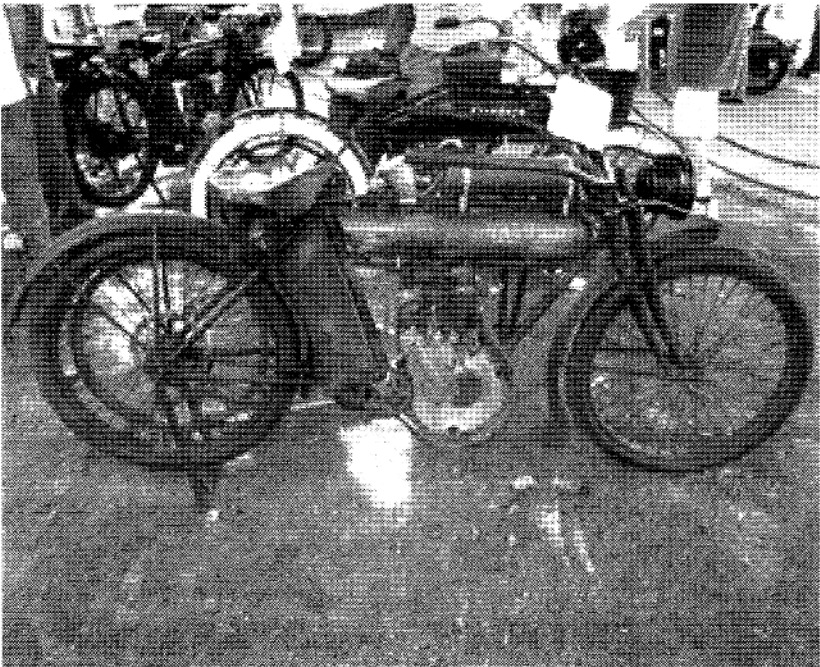
Letter from New York

Hey Folks,

Just thought I'd let you all know that The City is still here, a bit grim but functioning well. I'm visiting parents and friends this week after a nice side trip to Block Island RI. On the way back, we stopped at Old Mystic Seaport, a whaling ship history park. There was a show of antique vehicles including a Stanley Steamer and this 1911 Yale, original and unrestored. The attached pictures should be of special interest to Tom Dabel.

I'm going to a Tri-State Norton Owners meeting on Thurs, at the Ace Cafe in the East Village. See you all at the Old Timers in October.

Best Regards,
Alan G.



NCNOC Bulletin Board

International Motorcycle Show

The San Francisco event is scheduled for November 9-11, 2001 (it'll be the kick-off event for the series) and will be held at the San Mateo County Expo Center.

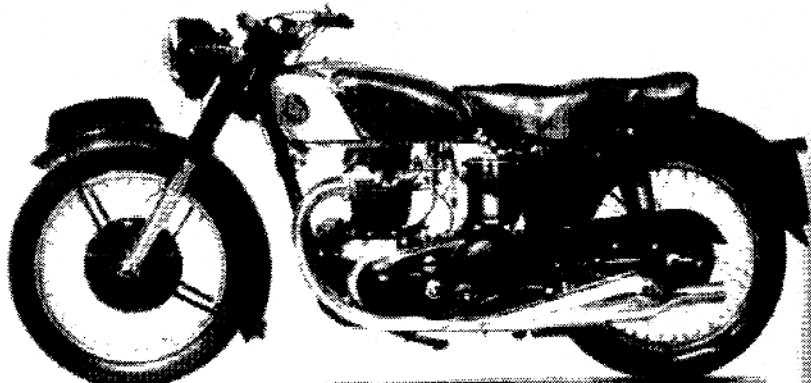
Last year there was a corral for vintage motorcycles. Bob Bausch has been trying to get some space for the NCNOC to display a few Nortons. We'll get some followup on this in October.

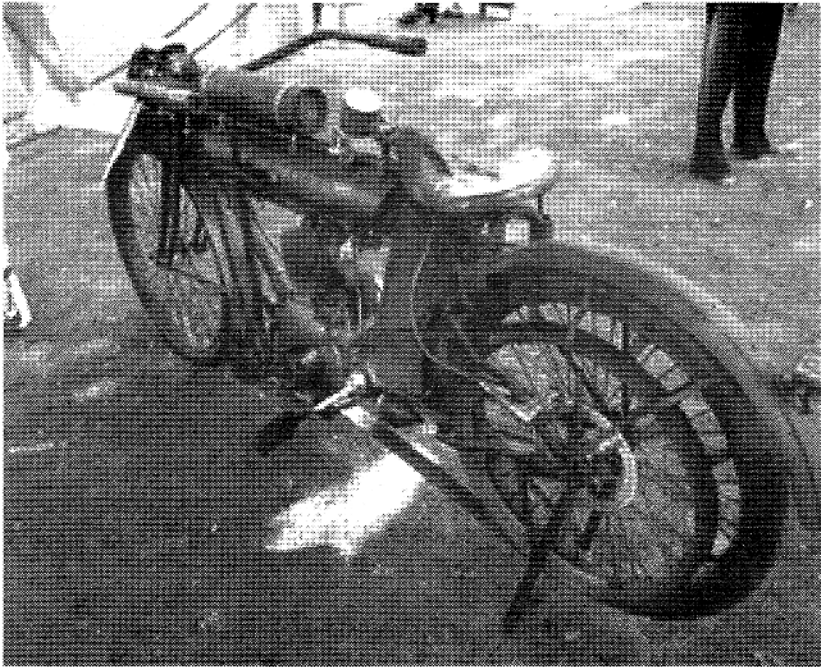
This show is also a good place to see all the new 2002 models, if you're interested in any modern makes.

From someone on ebay, I received this information about a camchain tensioner product. This was news to me although I'm sure several of you already know about this company. The good news is it's close in San Jose. The idea of this tensioner is to reduce the variation in the cam timing by reducing the chain slop.

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1955 Norton Model 7





Another Yale photo for Tom Dabel.

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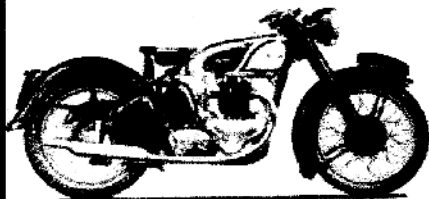
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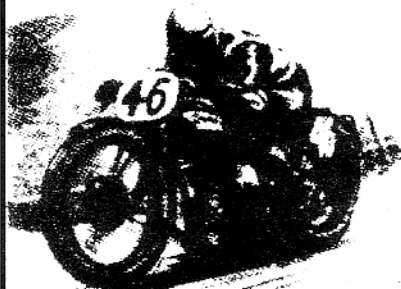
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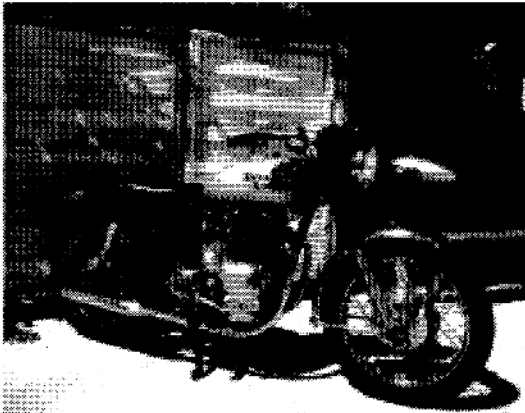
For Sale

1968 Royal Enfield Interceptor MK1A. This machine is complete and 99% original, with new continental (low pipe) exhaust and n.o.s. seat, fresh paint on the original 3 gal tank, and new Dunlop Sport Elite tires. Also included are 4 and 5 gal. Enfield tanks, with a good set of chrome trim panels and badges. The bike is currently registered and carries the original black CA plate.

You can see it at

<http://members.aol.com/NortonClub/RE.html>

\$4500 Alan (831) 475-7505



Norton Commando prices

From Cycletrader online Sept 25, 2001

Year: 1969 to 1976

Make: Norton

Model: Commando

Region: All Regions

Low: \$2,000.00

High: \$10,000.00

Average (mean): \$4,958.18

Median: \$5,000.00

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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 technically limited to Norton owners, but we look the other way all the time, at least as long as you would like to have a Norton, own other British bikes, or are just a great person to have around. So if you like to ride, repair, eat, drink, be merry, and admire Norton motorcycles, it will cost you \$20 to join.

The club has monthly rides (sometimes more often), monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month (at rotating venues), an award winning monthly 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 INOA) as well as the original Club in England. Our club secretary will tell you how to join the UK organization, if you have an interest or see their website at <http://www.noc.co.uk>.

The USNOA puts on 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 Norton merchants all over the country who advertise in the News. You also get the national membership list. It is well worth joining and will cost you another \$20. Send that to: Dian Slark, 12603 BelAire Circle, McCalla, AL., 35111...Phone (205)477-4340.

We look forward to seeing you and your Norton out on the high road.

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MOTORCYCLES OWNED

Make	Year	Model	Engine/Frame/Plate Numbers
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Attach another sheet if you want to list more.

I hereby apply for membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC). This is a _____ new _____ renewal application.

The undersigned applicant certifies that he or she is a legal resident of the US over the age of 18, has a valid motorcycle driver's 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 its officers, agents and members from any and all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims, and/or cause of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the club's activities, it being specifically understood that such activities include the operation and use by applicant and others of motorcycles. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify the club and its officers, agents, and members and hold them harmless for the results of the undersigned's participation in those activities. This indemnification shall include attorney's fees incurred in defending any claim or judgement and incurred in the negotiation of any settlement. It is understood and agreed that the undersigned shall have the opportunity to consent to any settlement, provided, however, that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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

Dated _____ Applicants Signature _____

Send all applications or inquiries to:
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