



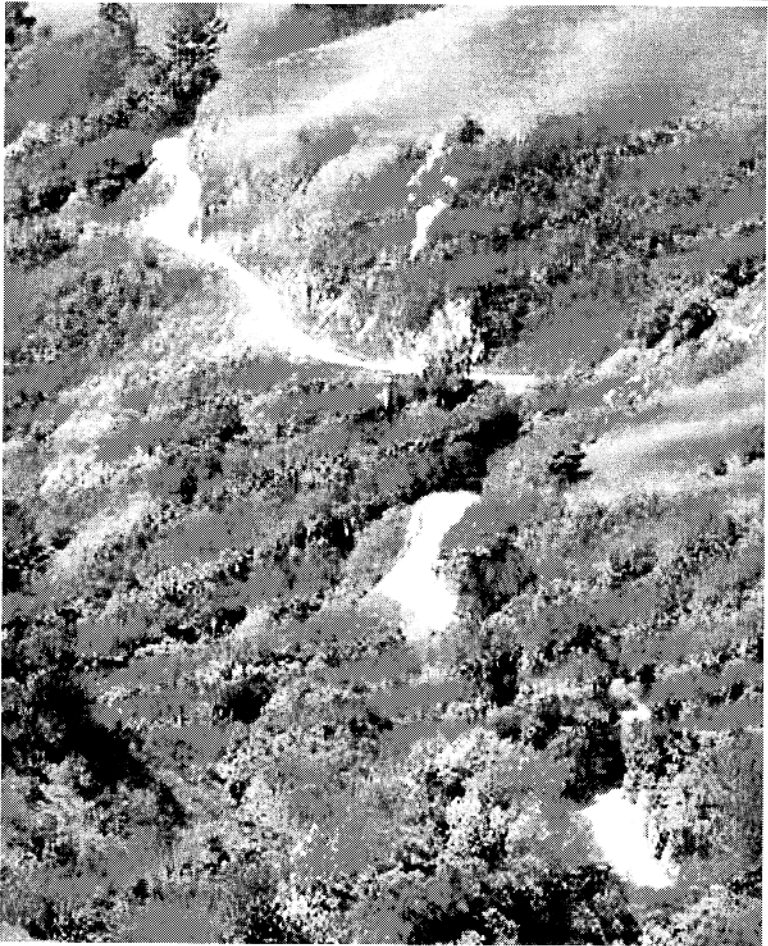
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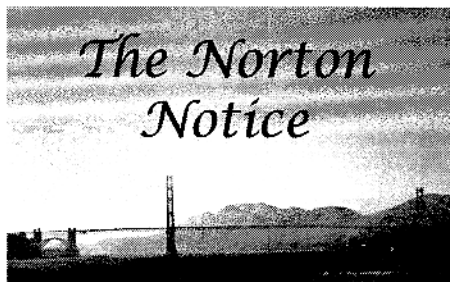
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The **NORTON NOTICE** is a reflection of the readership, who are encouraged to submit any article, technical tip, photograph (original or otherwise) as long as it is in good taste, so that other Norton enthusiasts may enjoy it. (Good taste is somewhat 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

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## 2003 Meeting Schedule

**Northern California Norton Owners Club  
2004 Meeting Schedule**

Next Meeting

April 8

Harry's Haufbrau  
390 Saratoga Ave.  
San Jose  
408-243-0434

**Bench racing starts whenever the second member arrives.**

**Meeting starts at 8:00PM**

May 13<sup>th</sup> – *Meeting Prince of Wales*

June 10<sup>th</sup> – *Meeting Prince of Wales*

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – *Ride/Meeting San Juan Bautista*

August 12<sup>th</sup> – *Meeting – S.F. (No meeting place selected yet)*

September 9<sup>th</sup> – *Meeting – Prince of Wales*

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Old Timer's Ride and AGM*

November 4<sup>th</sup> – *Meeting - Prince of Wales*

December 5<sup>th</sup> – *Christmas Party (no ride or meeting)*

**Please note that at the last meeting at the Prince of Wales on March 11 it was decided by a vote of the members present that the East bay meetings at Mimi's Cafe in Dublin on May 13 and November 4 would be changed and held instead at the Prince of Wales. Please make the appropriate changes to your calendars.**

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## Ride Schedule..

by **Gar Jorgenson**, ride coordinator

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**Points Leaders:** Ian Reddy and Norm Trueblood with 34 points each.

Lorin Guy with 29, Tom Dable Ray Pallett with 28points each. As of 3/11

### April

#### **April 18<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – North Bay Ride**

Jerry Kaplan will be our ride leader for the North Bay Ride again this year. Riders are invited to meet prior to 10:30AM at Jerry's house at 2329 Catalina Drive, Davis (Get off Hwy 113 onto e/b West Covell Blvd. Catalina Drive will be about the third left turn east of Hwy 113. Counting from the left, Jerry's house will be about 2 ½ blocks north of W. Covell on Catalina). Or, if it is more convenient, meet at Muscowite Corners, intersection of Hwys 121 &128 at 11:30 AM.

When I last spoke to Jerry he wasn't sure if there would be lunch available at Muscowite Corners. If not, he will lead us to another lunch spot. After lunch we will decide where to go from there. For additional information, call Jerry at (530) 756-8894.

### May

#### **May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday) – Mt. Hamilton Ride**

Ride leader – Tom Dabel. At the last meeting Tom was still deciding where to start out this year. Check next months Notice for details.

### June

#### **June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday - Sunday) – Weekend Cambria Ride**

This will most likely be a hook-up with the Southern California Norton Owners somewhere along the way. Alan Goldwater has volunteered to lead this ride.

#### **June 6<sup>th</sup> – (Sunday) - Alternative Day Ride**

Ride leader needed for a local one-day ride as an alternative for those who can't make the two-day Cambria ride.

#### **June 20<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 9:30 AM – Adopt-a-Highway clean-up day**

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**July**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) – San Juan Bautista Ride/Meeting**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> (Monday - Friday) - INOA National Rally, Ohio**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) - Cameron's/Half Moon Bay Ride**

Ride Leader – Lorin Guy

**August**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> (Friday – Sunday) – Dardanelle Weekend**

Dates to be confirmed. Ken Armann, will these dates work?

**August 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – Alternative Day Ride – Ebbets/Sonora Pass Loop**

Ride leader - David Crader.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday) 9:30 AM – Adopt-a-Highway clean-up day.**

**September**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday – Sunday) – North/South Ride (Tentative).**

Ride Leader Alan Goldwater. This will be a hook-up with the Southern California Club somewhere in the Sierras.

**September 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – Alternative Day Ride – TBA**

Ride leader needed.

**October**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday) – Old Timer's Ride and AGM**

Ride Leader – Mike Sullivan.

**October 17<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – Delta Ride**

Ride leader Gar Jorgenson

**November**

**November 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – All British Ride**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) – Adopt-a-Highway clean-up day**

9:30 AM before the Turkey Ride

**November 21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) – Turkey Ride**

Ride leader – Lorin Guy

**December**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – Christmas Party (no ride or meeting)**

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## EDITORS CORNER

This month's issue was held off so we could get some photos and results from the Clubman's Show and Day After Ride. They are over so here we go: Our Club and Nortons in general did well this year with one exception. The awards won were as follows:

**'71-'83 Street Heavyweight 620cc+ Concours: John England 1975 John Player Special**

**'71-'83 Street Heavyweight 620cc+ Ridden: Art Sirota 1974 John Player Special**

**'63-'70 Modified/Café, Ridden: Leo Sowers 1968 P11**

**'00-'29 Heavyweight 350cc+, Concours: Paul Adams 1929 CS1**

**'40-'83 Roadrace, Concours: Doug Van Tassel 1956 Manx 30M**

**'40-'83 Roadrace, Ridden: Carla & Ray Nierlich 1962 Manx 350**

**AHRMA Roadrace Award: Paul Adams 1953 Manx**

**Most Intriguing Norton: Roger Slater 1961 ES2**

**Best Norton in Show: Paul Adams 1929 CS1**

**Best Norton Twin: Robert Aaronson 1962 Dominator 88SS**

**Honorable Mention: Chuck Bohn 1974 Commando Hi-Rider**

**Honorable Mention: Lorin Guy 1966 BSA Lightning Gold Star Clubman**

The Club won the Best Club Booth Award for the second year in a row thanks to all the hard work of Lorin Guy and his wife Cathy. Manning the Club table all day was Garwood Jorgenson with Alan Goldwater doing double duty as tech advisor and INOA Representative.

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**President's Message** by Jerry Grainger

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22 March, 2004

Hi Riders

As this is written, we're gearing up for a fine showing at the Clubman's Show on Sat. March 27, at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. The marque for this year is Norton singles, and what better breed of motorcycle could be selected? Many of our members will be present to operate our booth, in the expectation of copping the prize for best booth again this year. The BSA Owners Club of Northern California always does a fine job in putting on this show, and The Northern California Norton Owner's Club has been justly recognized for our worthy participation.

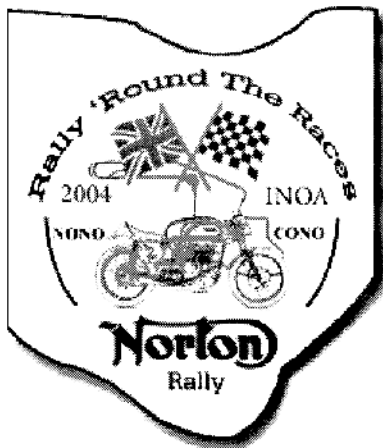
The Morning After Ride is Sunday, 3/28, to be led from Los Gatos by the Velo Club. So many fine old British bikes, treated so well and ridden so enthusiastically! Is this a great place to live and ride, or what? Owning our cool old machines and riding them and sharing our riding experiences with one another is all part of what makes our club a terrific vehicle for enjoying our unique and fun old vehicles. I have to say that it gives me great pleasure and pride to a part of all of this, treasuring a sporting tradition with such a colorful heritage.

We should have a full month's worth of bench racing to enjoy, following this weekend's events.

In other news, we're still shopping for the best venue for our Old Timer's Ride in October, held in conjunction with our annual meeting and BBQ. We hope to have a venue that meets or exceeds our previous locale. Stay tuned, meanwhile, for a full calendar of rides and monthly meetings, as noted elsewhere in this issue of your newsletter. Enjoy your great old machines!

Jerry Grainger  
President,  
Northern California Norton Owners Club

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## July 19-23, 2004

(Monday-Friday)

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INOA Member . . . . . \$50

Non-member . . . . . \$55

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Children (under 6) . . . . . Free

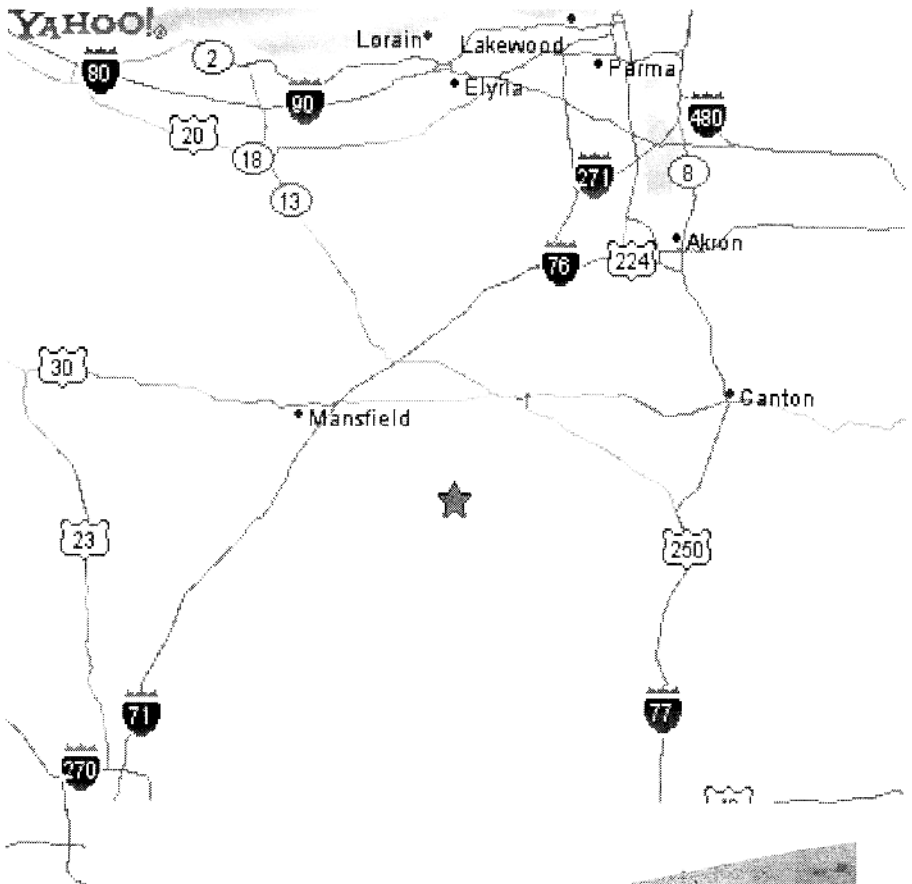
Tee-Shirt(s) . . . . . See prices

Camping fees are \$8 per night per person, to be collected at the rally.

Do not send camping fees.

**Make Check Payable (in US dollars) to "INOA Rally 2004"**





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Enjoying the beautiful roads and weather on the Day After Ride  
About 5 mi. south of Alice's on Hwy 35

**The Day After Ride, Hosted by the Velocette Club, shoved off from the Baker's Square Restaurant in Los Gatos at 10:00 for an ambitious ride around the San Mateo and Santa Cruz County hills. Unfortunately, testosterone got the better of at least three riders. Bob Aaronson dropped his brand new award winning 88SS on Bear Creek Road shortly after the ride started. A broken leg put a stop to his riding for a while. There was not a lot of damage to the bike but Bob certainly has to be on a downer. Remember Bob, the brake is on the left and the shift is on the right. I also heard that a Triumph rider broke a finger and that one of Ray Pallett's buddies came a cropper on a borrowed bike. Hey guys, this is not a race. Perhaps next year safety can be emphasized.**

**Other upcoming rides and events:**

**The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanford Vintage Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet, Kings Fairground, Hanford, CA Saturday, May 15, 2004**

**El Camino Swap Meet, Los Angeles October 2**

**Del Mar Show and Races, Del Mar (San Diego) October 9**

**For info go to: [batorinternational.com](http://batorinternational.com)**

**As some of you are aware the British Connection lost their site at Lake Cachuma for the Memorial Day weekend. They have found a new site near Bass Lake and they are also having a gathering at Lake Cachuma over the Labor Day weekend. Look up their website at [britishconnection.com](http://britishconnection.com) or call 888-627-2559 for details. These are one price pays all campouts with all meals provided. You will not go hungry.**

**Mike Sullivan, Editor**

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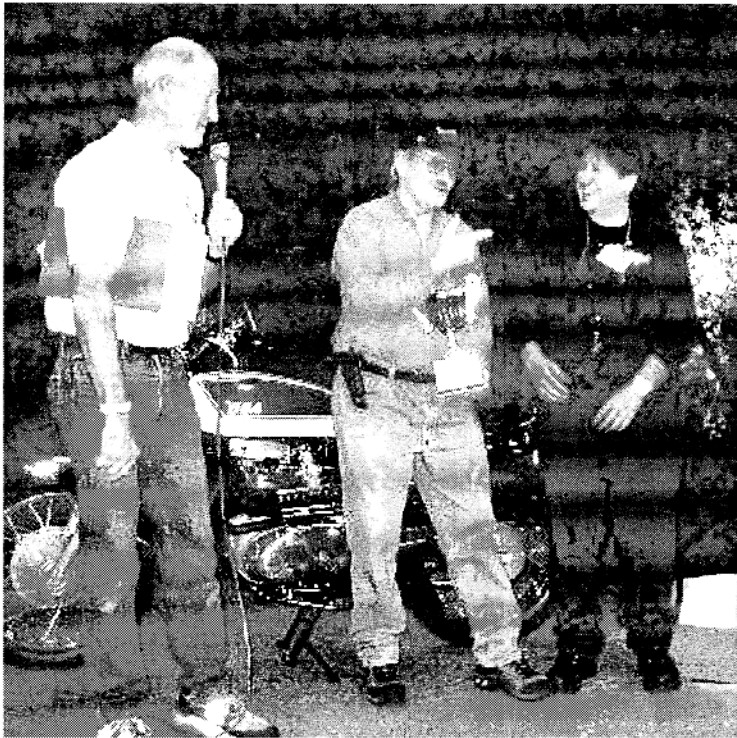
**Art Sirota invites all NCNOC members to his house for the third(?) Annual get together and barbecue. Meet at Art's house at 601 Harrison St Redwood City on ~~Sunday~~<sup>SAT</sup> June 26. Call 650-363-9277**

**The good times kick off at 12:00 noon**

**Please no smoking and no alcohol**

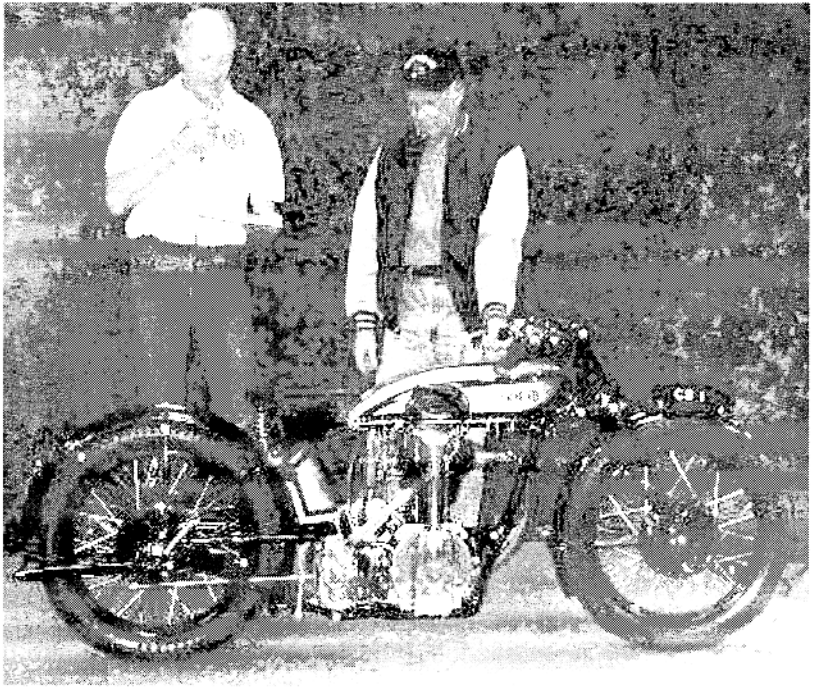
**See you there**

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Jerry and  
Lorin  
Accept the  
Best Club  
Award

Below:  
Paul Adams'  
Best Norton  
in Show  
1929 CS1



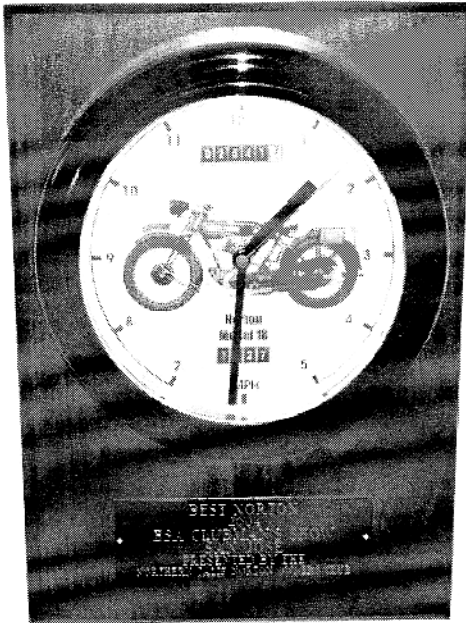
Minutes of the NCNOC Meeting March 11, 2004 at the Prince of Wales

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by Jerry Grainger with 21 members and 2 guests present, and 9 Nortons in the parking lot.

- 1) Introduction of new members Fred Fortune and Dick Schubert by Ken Armann, and Norm??
  - 2) The Morning After ride will leave from Bakers Square in Los Gatos, as in past years. The route is not yet known, but the ride will be led by the Velocette Club
  - 3) North Bay ride in April will meet at Jerry Kaplan's house in Davis, leaving at 10:30 OR join the ride at Muscowite corners at 11:30 The route will be around Berryessa or nearby neighborhood.
  - 4) Mt Hamilton ride in May will meet at Tom Dabel's house in San Jose at 10 AM for Egg Rolls, before riding out for breakfast and lunch. Frank R. says "I'll be there early!" This is an Eat To Ride, Ride To Eat event.
  - 5) Several reports on the Sweetheart Ride were offered. Apparently lots of people got wet and Frank R. couldn't find the lunch stop.
  - 6) For the Clubmans show- Lorin has a good plan for the club booth, including examples of most varieties of Norton twins, as all the singles should be entered in the concours rather than displayed at our booth. Our theme for the booth is 'advantages of being in a club'.
  - 7) Best Norton trophy will be supplied by the club. Most people liked the clock we supplied last year. Since there was no stock locally, a clock has been ordered from England, and will hopefully arrive in time for the show..
  - 8) Around 12 members showed up for the March highway cleanup at Alices (Skylonda Corners). The replacement for the stolen sign has been obtained and installed by CalTrans. Our next cleanup date is June 20<sup>th</sup>, and all members are welcome.
  - 9) I presented a brief report on the 2005 INOA Rally site at Lake Selmac Oregon. My report can be seen on the club web site, at <http://NortonClub.com/rally05/site.htm>
  - 10) Tom Dabel reported on a recent meeting of American Sport Bike Club (Buells). Dennis Manning ('Bubb') has organized a sanctioned motorcycle speed trials at Bonneville in September. The entry fee is \$100 and there will be a \$5k prize for each of several classes, including fastest British Twin
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- 11) Tom Dabel and I visited the Swanton Pacific Railroad picnic site for possible Old Timers event AG. The fall event hosted by the Santa Cruz Land Trust happens to fall on the same date, and I will contact them to see if we can join in. My thought is to offer a Concours display of vintage Brit Iron in exchange for a group rate discount for their event.
- 12) A casual group is meeting Wed. evenings at Barnaby Machine in Santa Clara for discussion of the Velocette Land Speed Record bike under construction.
- 13) NOC membership cards have been mailed, thanks to Dave Crader. If you're a NOC-UK member and haven't received your official card, please contact Dave.
- 14) Gar commented on recent East Bay meeting venues, and suggested that we reschedule the May and November meetings to POW. So moved and approved by majority vote of those present
- 15) Ian Reddy has confirmed his offer to host the Club Xmas party. He immediately looked worried and commented "what have I done?" Don't worry mate. We're housebroken.

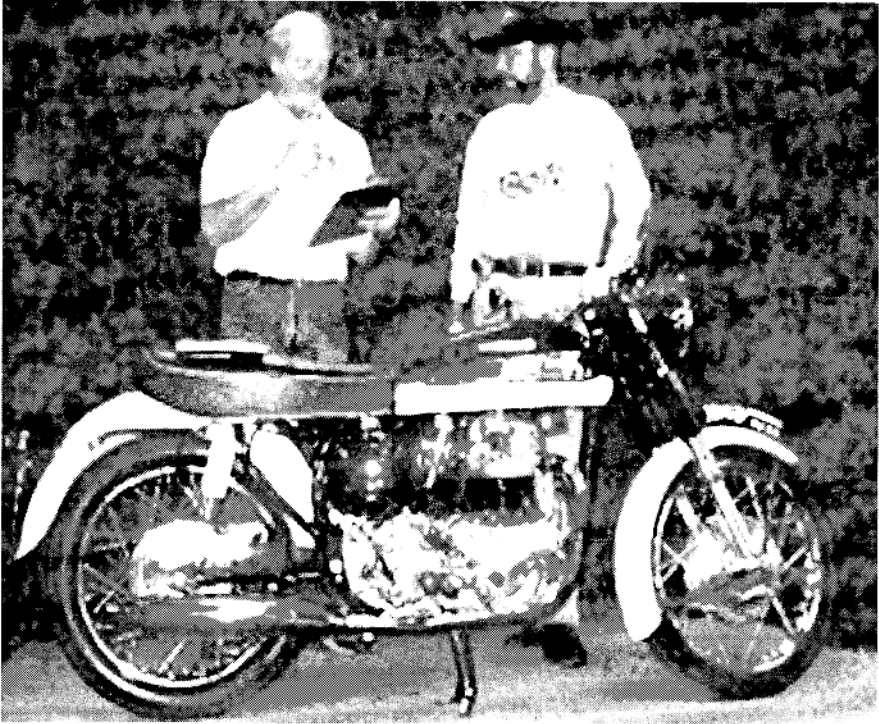
Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM, followed by a fine show of Norton Starting in the cool of a spring evening.



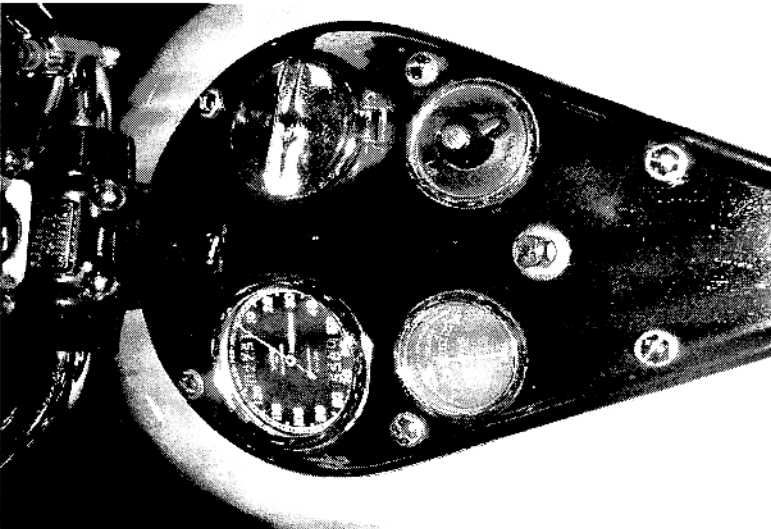
The Best Norton in the  
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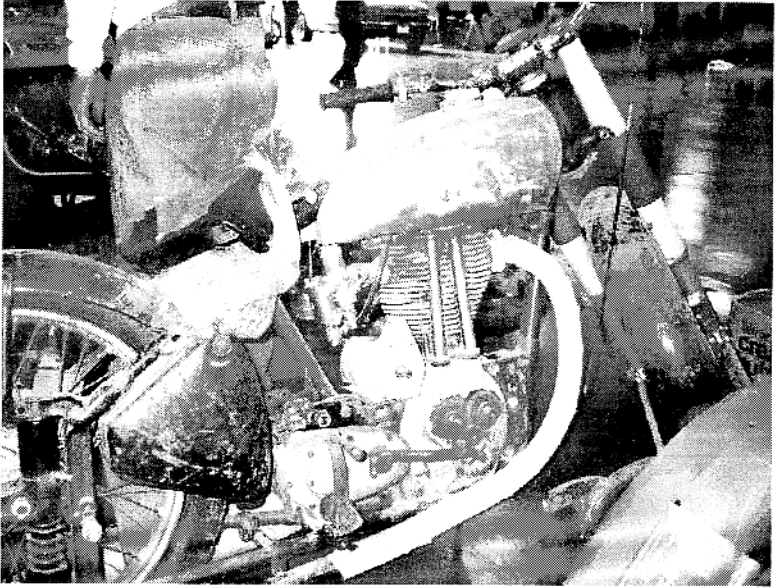
Special thanks to Garwood  
Jorgenson for organizing this  
award at the last minute.

It was an appropriate award  
seeing as how the clockface  
had a Norton Model 18 single  
cylinder model on it.

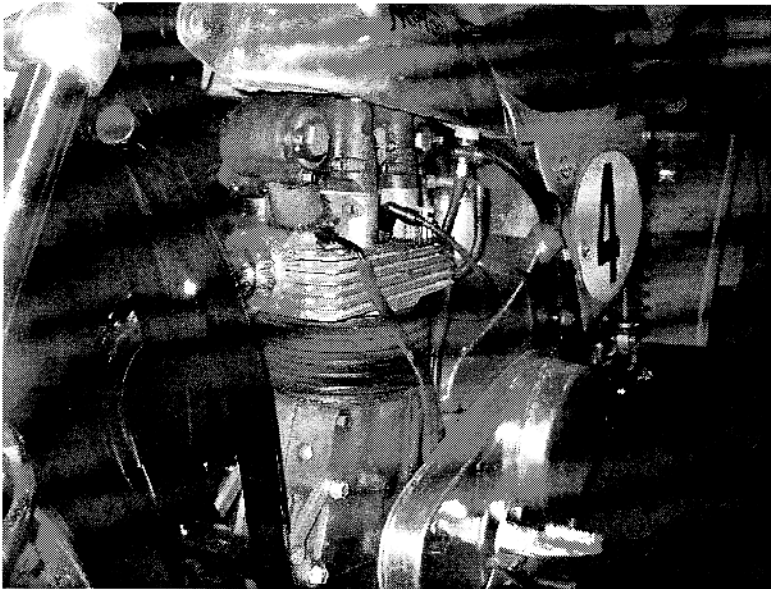


Robert Aaronson's Best Twin Award Winning 1962 88SS before the crash. This bike was just flown in from England the week before the show. Below: Tank mounted control panel





Ambitious ES2 project. This bike was sold at the show.



Les Archer Cammy Scrambler. With all the fins cut off it must be running alcohol.

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**WANTED:** Send Want Adds to your editor.

For sale..... 1973  
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**FOR SALE: 1971 Commando Roadster. Engine by Ken Armann. single Mikuni. Original carbs included. Sealed battery from Frank Recoder. New rear tire, front tire 80%. Boyer. Easy starter and good runner. \$4000 or best offer. Mike Sullivan 650-872-3336**

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**NCNOC Website**

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Dunstall 810 for sale:  
Factory racer with 10,267 miles. Second owner bought in early 70s. Dual fron disc brakes, oil cooler, 5 speed transmission, and several front sprockets. Collect or ride.

Contact: Jim Williams  
Asheville, NC  
828-299-0974

## 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, cat, 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.

The USNOA/INOA 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 \$25. Send that to: **Dian Slark, 12603 BelAire Circle, McCalla, AL., 35111...Phone (205)477-7780.**

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

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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

### MOTORCYCLES OWNED

Make	Year	Model	Engine/Frame/Plate Numbers

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 reasonably 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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