



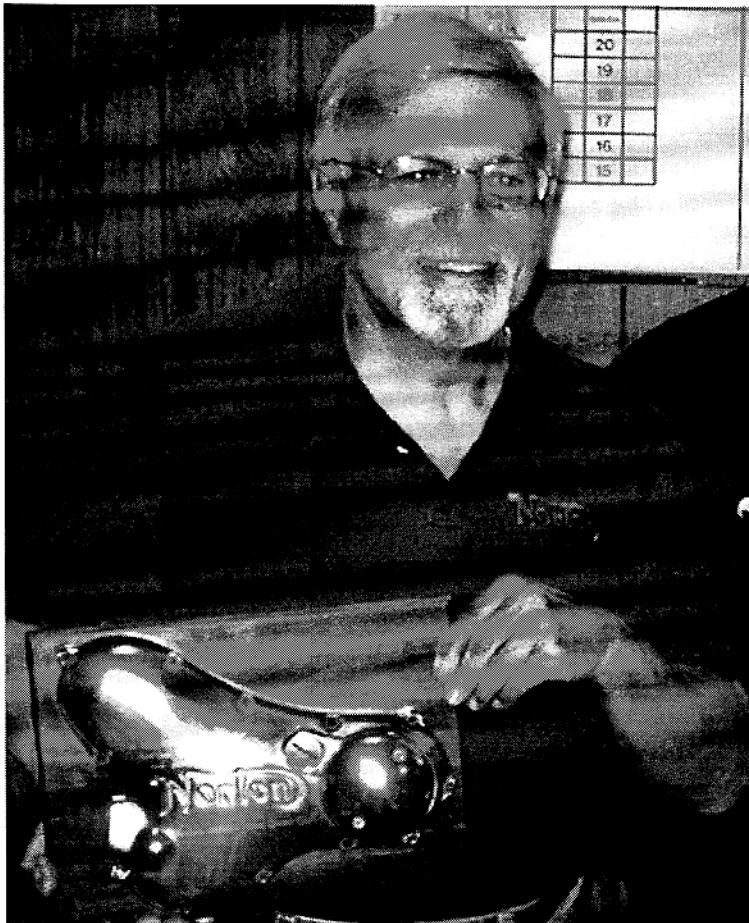
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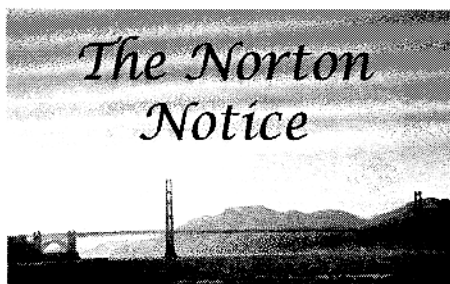
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Northern California Norton Owner's Club

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Alan Mueller receives his Appreciation Reward



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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.)

The deadline for items to be submitted for publication is the 18th of each month.. The **NORTON NOTICE** welcomes contributions submitted electronically. Articles and photos can be sent in almost any format and the Editors PC can read it. E-mail can be sent using INTERNET to mikemill20@aol.com

Membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club is available for \$20.00 per year. Membership dues are payable to the Branch Treasurer. See application form on inside cover.

Renewal dues are payable at the end of the individual's membership year, which is designated by the last number listed on the mailing label of the Norton Notice and the membership card.

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Upcoming Events

2004 Meeting Schedule

Northern California Norton Owners Club 2004 Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting

June 10

Prince of Wales Pub

106 East 25th Ave

San Mateo

650-574-9723

Bench racing starts whenever the second member arrives.

Meeting starts at 8:00PM Upstairs

June 10th – *Meeting Prince of Wales*

July 3rd – *Ride/Meeting San Juan Bautista*

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

September 9th – *Meeting – Prince of Wales*

October 2nd – *Old Timer's Ride and AGM*

November 4th – *Meeting - Prince of Wales*

December 5th – *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.

Ride Schedule..

by **Gar Jorgenson**, ride coordinator

Points Leaders:	Ian Reddy	58
	Tom Dabel	50
	Lorin Guy	47

June

June 5th & 6th (Saturday - Sunday) – Weekend Cambria Ride

Ride leader Alan Goldwater reports: This is a ride with the Southern California Norton Owners. We'll be joining them at the Crossroads (a.k.a. Barnyard) Shopping Center in Carmel for the ride down Highway 1 through Big Sur. Meet at 12:30 PM at the Chevron gas station just south of the junction of Carmel Valley Road and Hwy 1. If you can't find us, call my cell phone (831 278 1156).

We have two campsites reserved for us at San Simeon State Park, courtesy of Chuck Bohm. If we run out of room, there's usually overflow camping available on the hill above the campsite.

Anyone from the Bay Area willing to brave the hazards of Hwy 17 is welcome to gather at my house in Santa Cruz, at 10 AM for donuts and coffee. Take 17 to Hwy 1 south. Exit at Soquel Drive and turn left, continuing south ½ mile along the freeway service road. Turn right on Chanticleer Avenue, for ½ mile. Look for a Norton parked by the driveway on the left side of the street. Call if you get lost (831 475 7505).

June 5th – (Saturday) - Alternative Day Ride - Mt Diablo & Contra Costa Back Roads Tour

Ride Leader: David Crader Reports: This will be a leisurely tour, so if you have earlier models that are slower, bring them. Meet at Starbucks, left hand side at Crow Canyon Rd & Camino Tassajara in San Ramon. Just before Blackhawk Plaza, exit eastward on Crow Canyon Rd off I680 in San Ramon. Departure will be at 10:30. Blackhawk Rd to Mt Diablo Scenic Dr to Mt Diablo State Park south gate. After a stop at the summit, we will picnic and bench race at Oak Knoll picnic area. Exit north gate to Ygnacio Valley Rd, Clayton Rd, Morgan Territory Rd and end up at Arlen Nesss Park entrance fee is \$4.00 per motorcycle: Bring a lunch and drink. (408) 807-4082 cell days or (925) 513-3148 evenings

June 13th (Sunday) 9:30 AM – Adopt-a-Highway clean-up day

July

July 3rd (Saturday) – San Juan Bautista Ride/Meeting

July 19th through the 23rd (Monday - Friday) - INOA National Rally, Ohio

July 25th (Sunday) - Cameron's/Half Moon Bay Ride

Ride Leader – Lorin Guy

August

August 13th, 14th, 15th (Friday – Sunday) – Dardanelle Weekend

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

August 14th (Saturday) – Alternative Day Ride – Ebbets/Sonora Pass Loop

Ride leader - David Crader.

August 22nd (Sunday) 9:30 AM – Adopt-a-Highway clean-up day.

September

September 18th & 19th (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 18th (Saturday) – Alternative Day Ride – TBA

Ride leader needed.

October

October 3rd (Sunday) – Old Timer's Ride and AGM

Ride Leader – Mike Sullivan.

October 17th (Sunday) – Delta Ride

Ride leader Gar Jorgenson

November

November 6th (Saturday) – All British Ride

November 21st (Sunday) – Adopt-a-Highway clean-up day

9:30 AM before the Turkey Ride

November 21st (Sunday) – Turkey Ride

Ride leader – Lorin Guy

December

December 5th (Sunday) – Christmas Party (no ride or meeting)

EDITORS CORNER

Alan Muller sent a message thanking the Club for presenting him with the Appreciation Award at the meeting on May 13 at The Prince of Wales. We are expecting to see that sidecover on his '75 Mk III in the future. It is nice to know that years of work and dedication are recognized.

Norton Motorcycles is going ahead with their Vintage Gallery at the Laguna Seca races in July. The 1925 Model 25 racer that was in our booth at the Clubman's Show will probably be there. If you have an interesting and/or unusual bike and would like to see it on display please contact Norton at rob@nortonmotorcycles.com

The INOA Rally 'Round the Flag Rally in Ohio is rapidly approaching as it is scheduled for July 19-23. If you have not made your arrangements, you had better get a move on.

The Club still does not have a picnic site for the AGM in October although Alan Goldwater is still working on the Swanton Railroad to see if we can join their festivities. If you know of any suitable locations please contact any Club Officer.

If you are a glutton for punishment there is a week long ride organized by the Velocette Club for the period 7-11 June. It will cover many roads from the Southern Sierra and over to the Coast. Contact the Velocette Club for details.

The AMCA is having their Annual swapmeet at the Dixon Fairgrounds on June 18-19. This is a friday-saturday event. There will be a ride on Sunday.

Do not forget the barbecue at Art Sirota's house in Redwood City on June 26.

There is a British/European bike show and swapmeet at Carson City over July 17-18. Running concurrently is the BSAOCNC ride and chili cook-off over July 16-17-18. If you work it right, you can make both events. There is also a Vintage MX race on the 18th.

Please send in your articles and photos as I need them for future issues.

Mike Sullivan, Editor

President's Message by Jerry Grainger

Hi Riders

As summer looms, we're looking at a bunch of great Norton'ing coming up, with lots of NCNOC activities on tap. As detailed elsewhere in this issue, you have not one but two events from which to choose on the June 5-6 weekend. The Cambria ride is an overnighiter, and we'll link up with the Southern California Norton Owners, going via Big Sur, guided by Alan Goldwater. The alternative day ride is on that Saturday, and is being led by Dave Crader through the East Bay hills, with a great destination and a picnic. How can you miss?

We'll meet again on the Thursday evening of June 10th, at the Prince of Wales in San Mateo, for bench racing and to conduct our business. Last month this included a nice award and recognition of Alan Mueller, with an engraved casing for his bike, in recognition of his many years of outstanding service to our organization. (Thanks a lot, Alan, but don't worry, 'cause we'll think of lots more things to ask of you.)

Also in June, some of us are planning an expedition to Selmac, Oregon, to check out the facilities for the 2005 International Norton Owners Association, and we're fortunate to have members in that area to lend a local hand. More on that soon.

Don't forget to mark your calendar, too, for the Sunday, June 20 Adopt-a-Highway morning at Alice's (always fun, - really!), and the Saturday, July 3 brunch in San Juan Bautista, at Peter and Joan's German Restaurant (great buffet).

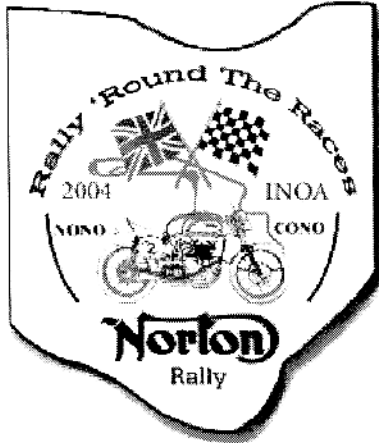
The big picture also includes the INOA rally in Big Prairie, Ohio from Monday, July 19th through Friday, July 23. See <http://ohionortonowners.org/> and elsewhere in this issue for more information on this 'Rally 'Round The Races' extravaganza.

And Ken Armann advises that the mid-August weekend at the Dardanelles will happen again, which is always a great chance to sit by the fire and watch for shooting stars (in the sky, not on the road). Dates of Friday 8/13 - Sunday 8/15 to be confirmed; there will also be an alternative ride, probably on that Sunday, over Ebbets Pass and the Sonora Pass loop, again with Dave Crader.

So as Spring quickly becomes Summer, we'll have lots of opportunities to fire up our cool old motorcycles and ride them, and to join others in doing the same thing, going to great places for fun activities. What a great prospect!

See you on the road.

Jerry Grainger
President,
Northern California Norton Owners Club



July 19-23, 2004

(Monday-Friday)

Whispering Hills Campground
 8248 State Route 514
 Big Prairie, Ohio 44676
www.whisperinghillsvrpark.com

Mail check to:

INOA Rally 2004

c/o Stan Smith

Rocky Point Cycles

2509 Linebaugh Road

Xenia, OH 45385-8590

e-mail: sales@rockypointcycle.com

info: ohionortonowners.org

Phone: 937-376-9792

Tee-shirts: \$12-S, M, L, XL; \$15-XXL, XXXL

Names of others attending with you:

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Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Pre-Registration Rates (USD)

(rates will be 10% higher on-site)

INOA Member \$50

Non-member \$55

Youth 6-18 \$25

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"

NOC Meeting Minutes 5-13-04 Prince of Wales

The meeting was called to order by VP Lorin Guy at 8:10 with 23 Members and guests present and 6 Nortons in the parking lot. The following items were discussed:

- 1) Review and acceptance of old minutes.
 - 2) The next club ride is June 5-6, an overnight trip to Cambria via Big Sur, jointly planned with the Southern Calif. Norton Owners. Meet at high noon at the Chevron station near the junction of Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road. Those traveling south from San Jose and points north are welcome to meet at my house in Santa Cruz at 10 am or so for donuts and coffee. See the calendar for directions and details.
 - 3) An alternative day ride is scheduled on Sat 6/5 'The Wimp Ride' led by Dave Crader, from Starbucks near Blackhawk Plaza in San Ramon, around the East Bay hills. The destination is the Arlen Ness shop in Dublin. Bring your own lunch for a picnic at Oak Knoll Park.
 - 4) Discussion of the Club roster. Ray Pallett and Alan Mueller agree that membership is stable within the range of 160-180. According to Ray, we currently have 166 members
 - 5) Mike Sullivan has purchased a deep throat stapler for producing the Norton Notice, which will save us about \$30 per issue.
 - 6) Lorin proposes associate membership. Tom Dabel says it is prohibited by NOC-UK rules. No action was taken.
 - 7) Club membership cards proposed by Lorin, with the goal of promoting Club membership by offering a discount at local parts vendors. In exchange, the vendors would receive a small advert. with a link on our Club web site.
 - 8) The next Skyline Cleanup Day is now scheduled for June 13th, 9 AM at Alices.
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- 9) I will be leading an exploratory trip to our 2005 INOA Rally site on June 18-21. The site is at Lake Selmac in southern Oregon, and is hosting the Iron Horse Rodeo (1000+ v-twins) on that weekend. If you'd like to join us and help plan the 2005 Rally, contact me directly.
- 10) July 3 San Juan Bautista ride-meeting . Please note this is on Saturday. The destination is Peter and Joans German Restaurant, as in past years.
- 11) Special trophy presentation to Al Mueller for his outstanding service to the Club. Thanks, Alan!
- 12) The 2004 INOA Rally is July 18-22, scheduled between two race weekends at Mid-Ohio.
- 13) Auction of a North Face tent donated by Liz Sain yielded \$50 for the club treasury.
- 14) The August Dardanelle ride is on, according to Ken Armann. He will confirm with their mgmt.
- 15) For the SF meeting (scheduled for August 12) Lorin suggests The Thirsty Bear, which has a separate upstairs meeting room and ample parking near Moscone center. This was generally approved, but will be confirmed (by Lorin?) .
- 16) Next meeting is at the Prince of Wales June 10
- 17) Thanks to Tom Dabel for hosting Mt Hamilton ride and pre-ride feast.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully submitted by Alan Goldwater / sec.

DATE CORRECTION

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 Saturday June 26. Call 650-363-9277

The good times kick off at 12:00 noon

Please no smoking and no alcohol

See you there

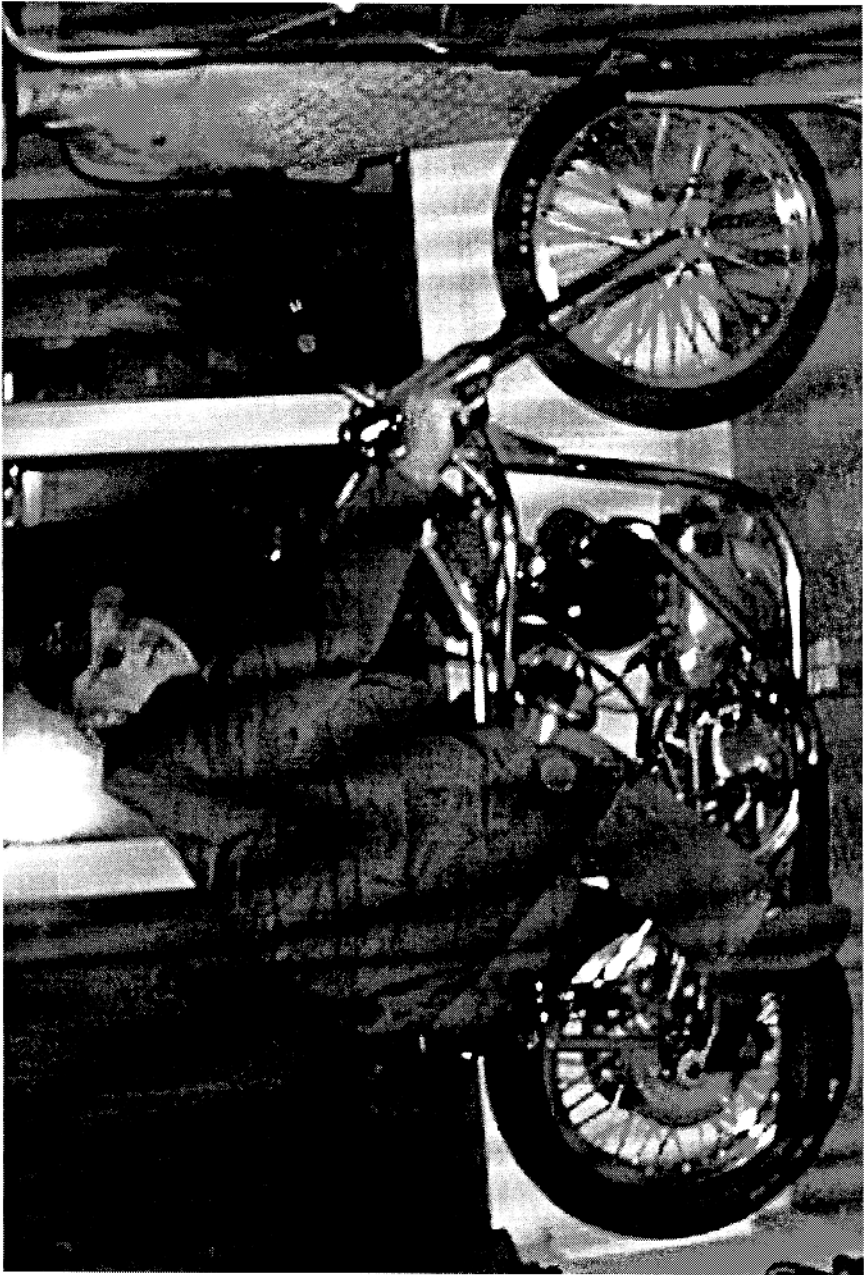
I ran across the following in the June/July 1980 issue of the *Classic Bike Magazine*:

Redwood Nortons

Norton riders in America are planning their best rally yet. The Norton '80 Rally in the Redwoods takes place at Leggett, California, on August 7-10, when warm days and cool nights are promised for this idyllic area north of San Francisco, just 15 miles from the Pacific.

In addition to the customary display, dinner, group rides and awards, Norton technical expert Brian Clark will hold seminars, and there will be a parts swap-meet. Stephen Coburn, PO Box 236, La Honda, California 94020 is the redwood contact.

It is interesting to note that with a few changes to the date, etc. this could be a good advertisement for our hosting of the INOA Rally at Lake Selmac next year. Steve Coburn has long since moved to Washington D.C. but Alan Goldwater has taken on the organization of the Rally, see his comments in the Minutes of the last meeting. If you would like to help with the organization of the Rally please contact Alan directly at 831-475-7505 or by e-mail at magicsound@aol.com



The Photo on the facing page was received along with the following advertisement:

For sale:

1964 Norton Atlas Custom Converted Drag Bike. 750cc engine with ported and polished head and internal parts, drag camshaft, blueprinted and balanced. Custom exhaust pipes. Customized featherbead frame. Everything that could be chromed, was chromed. 18 inch Avon slicks. Custom dual methanol carburetors.

This baby has won many motorcycle shows in the past and has the trophies to prove it. When stored in 1999 the engine was oiled and has been kept inside, nice and warm. Beautiful bike to ride and show.

Asking \$10,000.00 OBO Contact Tara Dupont at philosophytara@aol.com

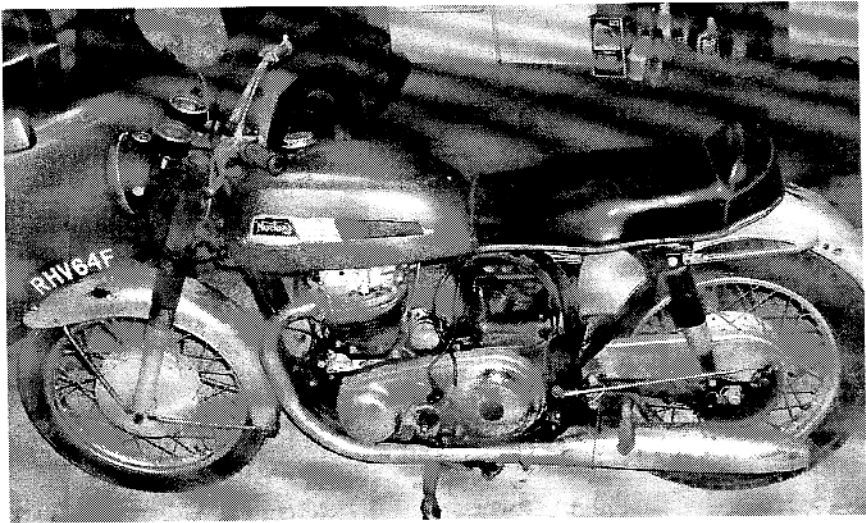
For Sale:

Norton 500T Replica. Not quite a show winner but in very good condition, ready to ride and compete on. \$4,500.00

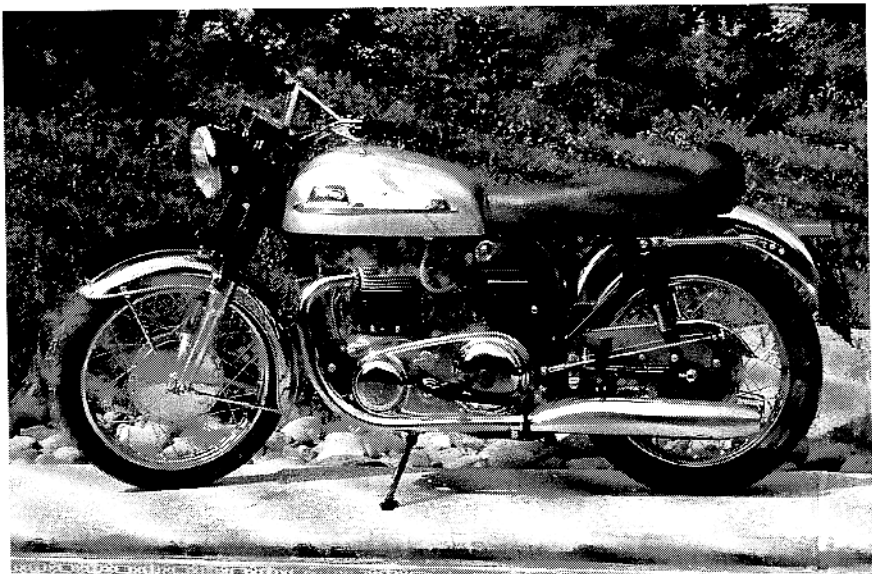
Norton Model 19, 600cc single rare in the U.S. Probably a '58, looks rough but was running when placed into dry storage 24 years ago. \$3,000.00

Norton Electra 400cc vertical twin with spare engine included. Same condition as Model 19 above. \$1,000.00

All three Nortona are in Santa Cruz, Ca and will require advance notice for showings. Contact Allan Dow 831-462-6294 or fax 831-427-0433



Yes it can be done! Pat Teter of Visalia sent in these before and after photos of his 1967 Atlas. It was given to him by his wife as a birthday present (we should all be so lucky). It was restored by Wayne Summers in Fresno. See you on the rode, Pat.



Vmoto sends the following info about their 2004 schedule:

2004 Race Schedule

July 9-11 Portland Historic races, Portland, OR

Run in conjunction with vintage race cars.

One practice and one race on both Saturday and Sunday

Deadline for entry is June 8th

September 18-19 Reno-Fernley Raceway in Fernley, NV

All regularity and race classes are eligible to enter

October 16-17 Thunderhill Park in Willows, CA

All regularity and race classes are eligible to enter

November 22-23 Laguna Seca in Monterey, CA

Vmoto will finish the season with a special mid-week event at Laguna Seca, which will offer extended track time for all participants

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WANTED: Send Want Adds to your editor.

For Sale:

1970 Commando Roadster

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Wanted:

Norton Atlas or similar

Featherbed twin Other English twins considered.

Contact:

Terry S. Coleman

PO Box 1461

Citrus Heights, CA 95611

916-727-2673

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

For Sale: 1971 Commando

Completely refurbished, new tires disc front brake. All records. In Danville, CA

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email bensamrick@comcast.net

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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.

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.

NAME _____

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CITY STATE and ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-mail _____

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 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:
Ray Pallett, 462 Del Medio Ave. #2, Mountain View, CA
94040
(650)947-9780