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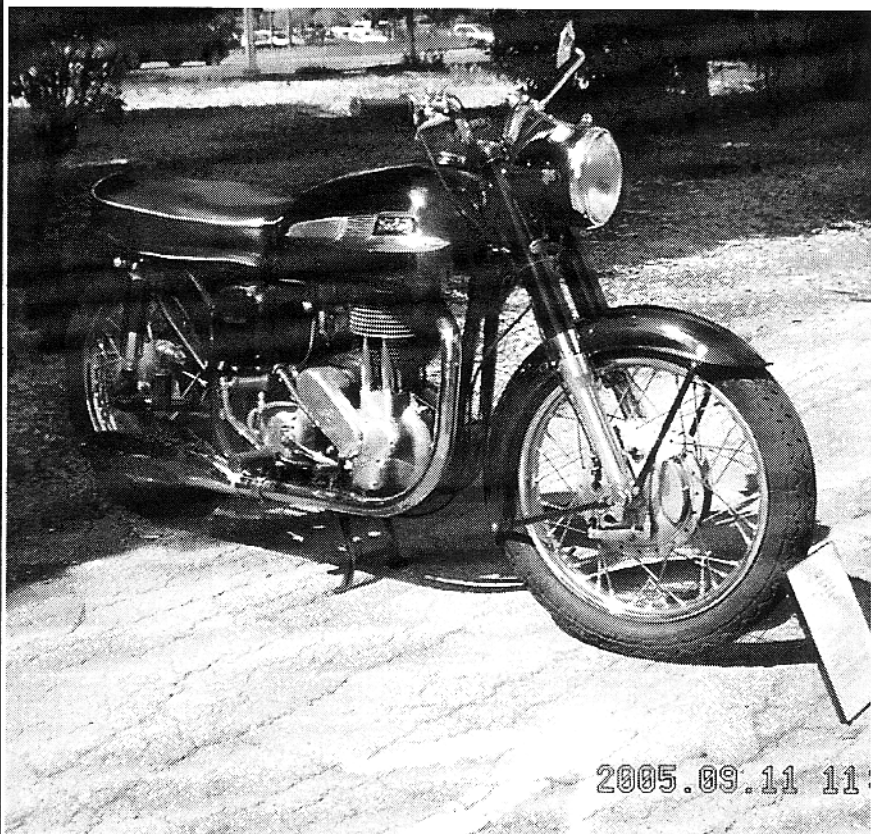


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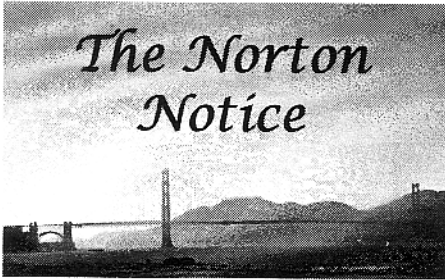
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Upcoming Events

2005 Meeting Schedule

Northern California Norton Owners Club
2005 Meeting Schedule

October 2

Old Timer's Ride and
Annual General Meeting

Huckleberry Flat at
San Mateo Memorial Park

about 5 miles East of Pescadero, CA on
Pescadero Road

Meet at Alices Restaurant corner of Hwy 35 and Hwy 84 at
10:00am Then ride to the Park. Meeting will be held after lunch

October

2nd – Old Timer's Ride and AGM

November

10th – Meeting - Harry's Haufbrau – San Mateo

December

4th – Christmas Party (no ride or meeting)

Jerry Grainger's House

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Ride Schedule by Ian Reddy, Rides Coordinator

October

Sunday October 2 Old Timers Ride and Annual General Meeting

Meet at Alices Restaurant at the intersection of Hwy 35 and Hwy 84 at 10:00am. Then ride to the Huckleberry Flat Group Site (part of San Mateo Memorial Park). The site is about 5 miles east of Pescadero, CA on the Pescadero Road.

Sunday October 16th – Delta Ride – No details available at press time. For information on this ride call Ian Reddy at 408-226-9574 (email ian_reddy@sbcglobal.net) or call Jerry Kaplan at 916-756-8894

November

5th – All British Ride - **Saturday**

Meet in Novato at 9:00am In the past this ride has been known to leave promptly at 10:00am so if you are late you will have to play catch-up.

27th – Adopt-a-Highway clean up day - Sunday

27th – Turkey Ride - Sunday

December

4th – *Christmas Party (no ride or meeting)*

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NCNOC Minutes 9-8-05 at Harrys Hoffbrau, San Mateo

Meeting called to order by Pres. Lorin Guy at 8 PM, with 22 members present. The following items were discussed:

- 1) Lorin circulated a photo of Joe Leonard on his first BSA, asking for guesses of the year it was taken. Someone said "that's a DB33, must be around 1953".
- 2) The August minutes were accepted as printed in the Norton Notice.
- 3) Ray Pallett reported by email we have \$2235 in the treasury, with 135 paid members.
- 4) Mike Sullivan requested submission of articles for the Notice
- 5) Ian reported on upcoming rides:
Oct 2 AGM/OTR led by Ray Pallett
Oct 16 Delta ride, led by Jerry Kaplan
See details elsewhere in this issue
- 6) A North or East Bay meeting location has been requested by several of our members. Please contact Lorin Guy if you know of a suitable venue.
- 7) The American Sport Bike Club (Buell Owners) has invited NCNOC for their "British Bike Night", Nov 7 at Straw Hat Pizza in San Leandro.
- 8) The California TT is October 9-10. This is a 650 mile 2-day ride from LA, 1974 and older bikes. Contact Lorin for details.
- 9) I distributed some door prize shirts left from the RogueRally. I'm expecting a final rally accounting from Rob DeVoe, which should result in about \$500 net proceeds to each of the NCNOC, NWNO, and INOA from shirt sales.
- 10) Officers nominations for 2006 can be made at the AGM, or by mail to Mike Sullivan for publication in the Notice.
- 11) Lorin is organizing a group trip to the 100th Isle of Man TT race in May, 2007. He's investigating rental of a house for race week, and shipping options for bikes. Contact him if you're interested in participating.
- 12) Electronic publication/distribution of the Norton Notice was proposed. The pros and cons were discussed, with apparent consensus that we should continue to offer the paper version, and adjust our annual dues depending on the members choice (numbers to be determined). It's clear that substantial savings in printing and postage cost can be gained by electronic publication.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted by Alan Goldwater / sec.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Before you start to think that the judges at the Palo Alto All British Car and Bike Show didn't have a clue what they were doing, let me fill you in on how things happened. I didn't find out about the show until Saturday when the owner of the company I used to work for told me about it. He was displaying an Austin-Healy. He said, "Come on down. There will be bikes there also." When I pulled in to the entrance on Sunday morning the guy at the gate said, "Go park over there on the path." So, not knowing otherwise I putted over and parked on the path. I only found out later that I was supposed to go to the registration table and pay \$25.00. If I had known that it would have been "adios muchachos". It turned out that my Model 50 was the only British bike there. At \$25.00 a head I can understand it. There was no admission charge to just get in and see the cars. I talked to the organizers about getting a bunch of British Bikes to show up next year so we will have to see what they want to do.

On another more serious matter I want to advise the membership that I am going to decline the Editorship of the Notice for next year. The wife and I have decided to do a lot of traveling while we are still in good (relatively) health and having to publish the Notice at the same time every month will be problematic. Also the possibility of the Notice going electronic will be beyond this old man's computer capabilities.

So, if you are a computer whiz, feel free to step up. Of course I will be of as much help as I can during the changeover.

Thanks

Mike Sullivan, Editor

President's Message by Lorin Guy

October is upon us, and the feeling of winters rain and cold weather looms. It makes me want to ride like crazy these last few sunny warm days and I'm sure some of you feel the same way. It's seems, as I get older, the days I spend riding mean more to me. Looking ahead to a day when I might not be able to ride is a scary thought that I try not to dwell on. Riding is a freedom I don't plan of giving up too easily, some day, I want to be able to say (I invasion it being with my grandchild on my knee), "I had some real good rides in my day" as I tell stories about rides gone bye.

So why so melancholy, you ask? I had a good friend who recently realized that he may not be able to ride much longer, due to a physical condition that is worsening, we talked about it, and I have to say made me look at my own situation.

You can prioritize your life to the last day, and try to justify why you can't get your bike out or finish that restoration. Next year and next year and soon there are no more next years, then what? I've seen it a few times now; your widow sells the bike to a guy for next to nothing because he made eyes at her. Ok so maybe it's not that bad. But hey, we put on great rides in this club and I don't think there is a club in the area that can do a day ride as well as the NCNOC. You are missing some really fun times, I know you're sitting at home watching Celebrity Poker when you should be out riding with us. Enough said. It's just too often I hear about bike sitting in garages half done. Make this the last time you say "next year" and get that bike done! Let's face it is there really anything that is more fun than riding?

So what about these great rides I'm talking about, well October holds a wonderful bunch of events. First the AGM, ride and BBQ October 2nd and then the Delta ride October 16th. The Delta ride is always enormous

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NORTON MULTIPLE CHOICE**By Art Sirota**

1. To remove the center stand from a 750 Atlas, you first must remove:
 - a) the clutch
 - b) the rear brake lever
 - c) the stator
 - d) the left-hand exhaust
 - e) all the above

 2. "ES2" stands for:
 - a) Everything Stinks 2
 - b) Ernie Searles 2
 - c) Electric Start 2
 - d) no one knows/cares

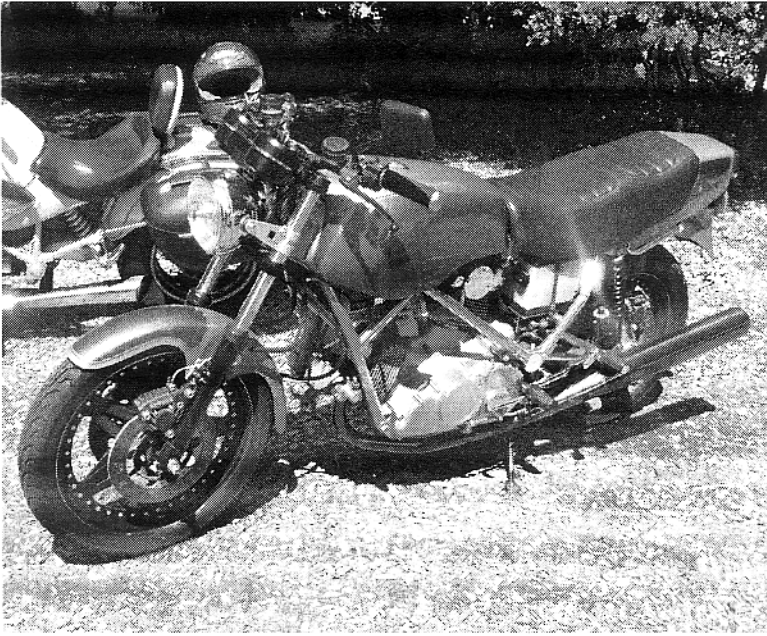
 3. The diaphragm spring on the Commando clutch was first used on:
 - a) Soviet T-34 tanks
 - b) BSA Bantam
 - c) Austin's Mini Cooper
 - d) primitive birth control device

 4. Name the fiery revolutionary who in his youth started an 8,000 mile journey on a Norton single:
 - a) Ernesto 'Che' Guevara
 - b) George W. Bush
 - c) Mick Jagger
 - d) Pee Wee Herman

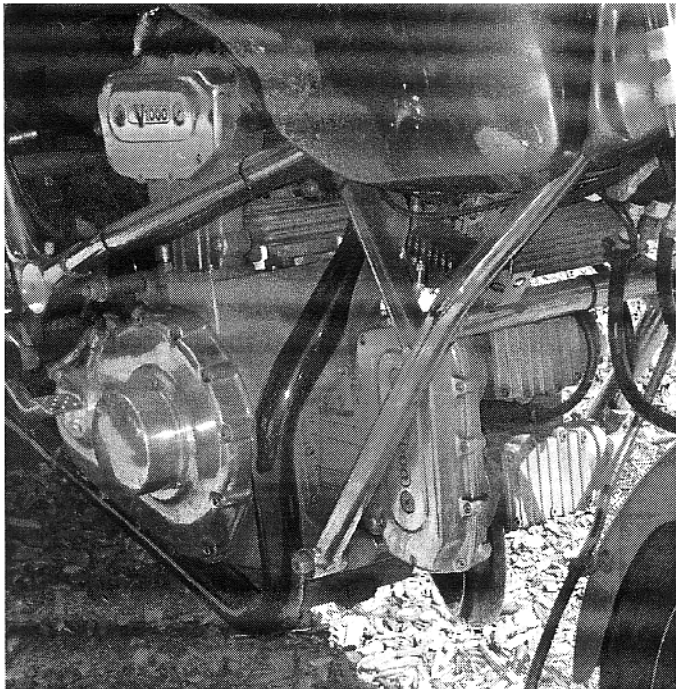
 5. The handlebar-mounted turn signal switch on mid-70's Nortons has a plastic wing tip that moves up and down to indicate left and right hand turns. The designer responsible for this brilliant idea was:
 - a) Wrong Way Corrigan's nephew
 - b) Larry
 - c) Moe
 - d) Curley Joe
 - e) all of the above - it was done by committee
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6. Norton Commando Hi-Rider models were primarily aimed at:
- a) the market segment most disappointed by the unavailability of the Ariel 3
 - b) Hells Angels with a lisp
 - c) Professional Elvis impersonators
7. The Manx racer known as the ‘proboscis’ was called this because:
- a) Joe Craig had a hook nose
 - b) Norton’s number one rider, Bob Dylan, had a hook nose
 - c) Che Guevara had a hook nose
 - d) no one nose
8. Paul Dunstall owned a company that specialized in making racing accessories for:
- a) the Ner-A-Car
 - b) the Ariel 3
 - c) Norton twins
 - d) Sunbeam scooters
9. First came the Model 4. Next came the Model 16. Finally in 1948 came the Model 7. These numbers reflect the fact that:
- a) no one at Norton knew how to count
 - b) Norton Motors took perverse pleasure in confusing their customers.
 - c) no one at Norton thought we knew how to count
10. In Norton parlance, “hybrid” refers to:
- a) a cross between a zebra fish and a lion fish known as a zion fish
 - b) a cross between a pine tree and a eucalyptus known as a puke-alyptus
 - c) a Norton engine/gearbox in a Matchless frame and cycle parts
 - d) a BSA Beagle engine in a Sunbeam S7 chassis known as a dog with worms

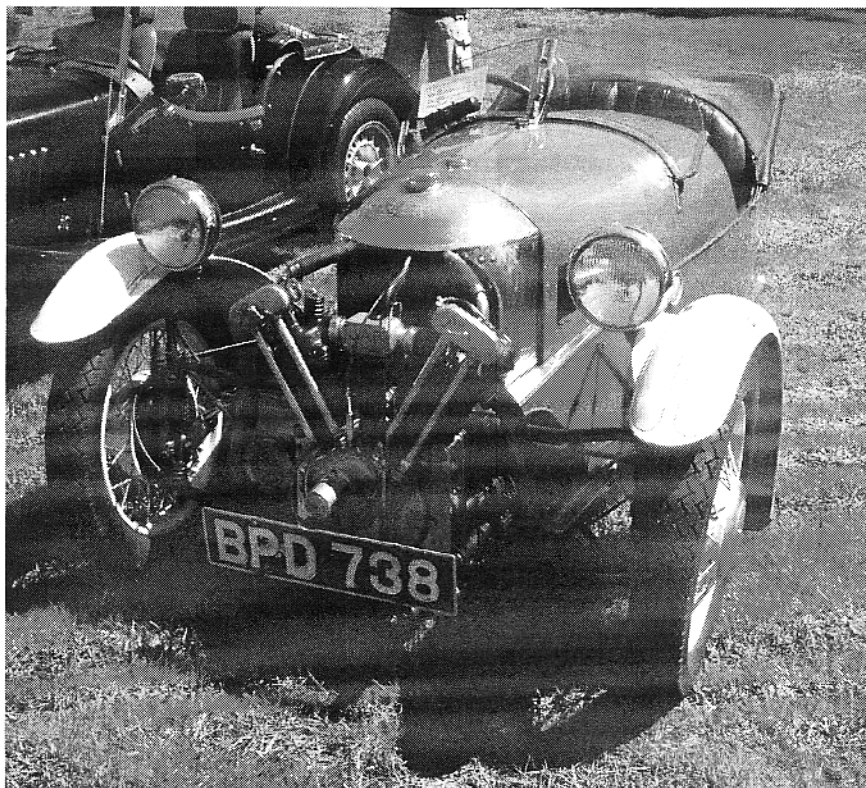
Answers: 1 e, 2 d, 3 c, 4 a, 5 e, 6 b, 7 d, 8 c, 9 c, 10 c



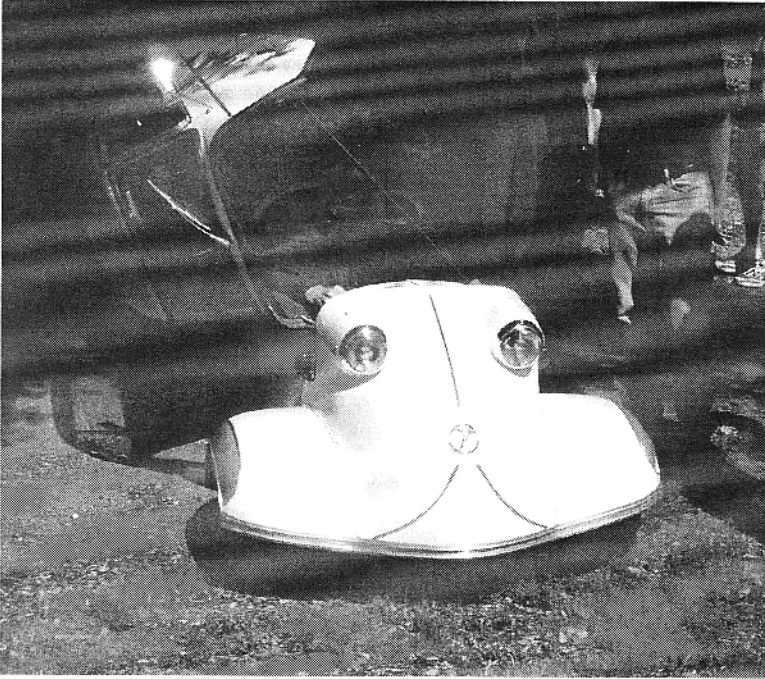
Rare Hesketh
seen at the Palo
Alto Show.
Looks like an
updated
Vincent. Same
basic layout but
with double
overhead cams.
These bikes are
still in
production but
would have to
be a grey
market import



Three wheelers seen at the Palo Alto show.
These are "motorcycles" too.
Remember these. You might have to go this way when old age hits.



Very nice pre-war Morgan with
water cooled J.A.P.
The gearbox had a 90 degree turning gear so it could be chain drive
to the rear wheel.



Messerschmidts. 200cc with 4 forward speeds and 4 reverse speeds if you dared. Top: Cabriolet Model



Bottom:
Sport Model

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Very nice current production 3 wheeler.

Available with a selection of BMW K-bike engines.

It can be shipped to the States as a kit car.

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2005 Norton INOA Lake Selmac Rally Song. Words by Harry Bunting. Sung to Margaritaville

Nibbling on crumpets,
Watching the sun bake,
All of the Norton's dripping their oil.
I'm on a mission, to fix my transmission,
Smell those bangers beginning to boil.

CHORUS

I know the reason,
I came to this region,
An INOA rally this time of the year.
It's a grand party, no discounts being 60,
How I got here I haven't a clue.

CHORUS

Tripped my kill switch,
Spent hours blaming Lucas,
Got me a lay shaft so I can cruise on back home.
A pint oh Guinness, my shiny Norton,
Life's little pleasures that help me hang on.

CHORUS

Wasted away again in Lake Selmac,
Searching for my lost:

- 1) Whitworth wrench.
- 2) Pair of Depends.
- 3) Whitworth wrench.

Some people claim that there's a Norton's to blame, but I know:

- 1) Its nobodies fault.
 - 2) It could be my fault.
 - 3) I know it's my fault.
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AGM Meeting Note

It's September and the AGM (Annual General Meeting) event is right around the corner so it's time to think of 2006 and new club officers. Election time nears and if you feel you or somebody you know would like to serve and be a good officer for the club, the officer positions are open for nominations. Send nominations to the Notice editor along with a brief bio and statement for publication. Voting is held at the AGM Ride and BBQ, so put this important date on your calendar. (October 2nd).

Elected positions are per bylaws article VII A and B Officers of the Club

A. The following officers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, to be held in December of each year:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

Rides Coordinator

Recording Secretary

Quartermaster (paraphernalia)

Public Relations Officer

B. Officers shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club, at which time they are eligible for re-election.

Which brings us to this point. I can only encourage you to attend the AGM, voice your opinions and exercise your right as paid members. This is your club and it's your direction by which it will be governed.

On a lighter note... the AGM is one heck of a BBQ and ride. So politics aside there is a load of fun to be had.

Lorin Guy, President

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enjoyment, riding the levees is as fun as it gets and the ferry is a kick. The AGM is where we elect new officers for the club 2006 year, the day is fun and the BBQ is great. I hope you call come out and vote and maybe even throw your name in the hat. This is your club and your call to action is at the AGM.

For non-NCNOC events there is the Cycle TT in Southern Cal (SOCALTT.com), Ducati days in LaHonda (ironic) they call it LaDucati days, and swap meets in both Southern Cal and Northern Cal. October is filled with motorcycle events every weekend, look at the Club Calendar and pick a date, get that bike done and come for a ride. Do it today.

Lorin Guy

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For Sale:

75 Norton Mk3 Electric start,
Mikuni, 4 pole starter, all original
parts come with bike, rebuilt, 0
hours on engine \$6,000.00
66 Norton Atlas 750 Nicely rebuilt
0 hours on engine \$4,000.00
69 Triumph Triple, new top end,
good unrestored cond. includes
spare 5 speed mostly complete parts
engine \$3,000.00
68 BSA 250 very nice original
unrestored condition \$2,500.00
3-4 BA B50 basket cases,
incomplete but engines in good
condition \$1K each or offers for lot
Many parts for BA B50, B44, B25
and Tri. Bike in Santa Clara
Chris 541-592-3985

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

For Sale:

1975 Norton Commando MkIII
Project: Head fully rebuilt by the
best in the business but not installed
New Bub exhaust system, and
many new parts from the U.K.
Single Mikuni, both single and dual
manifolds included. Power Course
battery, Whitworth tool, Norton
manual and books. \$2,500.00
Loenard @ 925-625-4772 or
leonardlloyd@mac.com

For Sale: 1975 850 Commando
Boyer, Hagons, Barnett clutch, new
battery, stator, electronic voltage
regulator, ss rear brake line, new
tires, top end rebuild 250 miles ago,
For photos go to
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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: **Tari Norum 276 Butterworth Lane Langhorne, PA 19047.**

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE and ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-mail _____

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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