



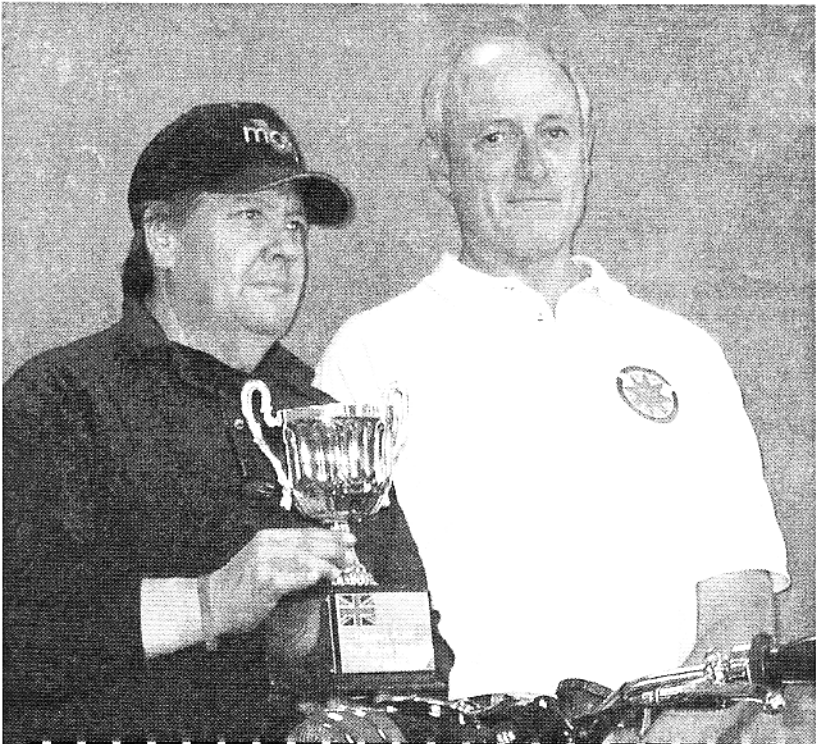
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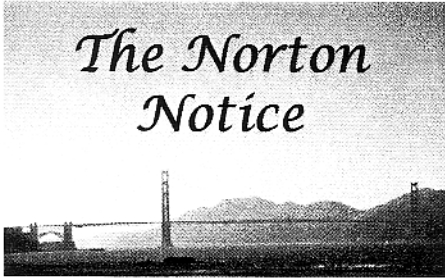
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**Lorin Guy Receives the
Trophy from Don Danmeier for
Best Club Booth Third Year in a Row**



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Upcoming Events

2005 Meeting Schedule

Northern California Norton Owners Club 2005 Meeting Schedule

May 12

Harry's Haufbrau

1297 Chess Drive Foster City

650-349-8412

Meeting starts at 8:00PM

Bench racing starts when the second rider
shows up

June

9th – Meeting – Prince of Wales – (Tentative – Patio?)

July

3rd – Ride/Meeting San Juan Bautista - Sunday

August

11th – Meeting – Tommy's Joynt S.F.

September

8th – Meeting – Harry's Haufbrau – San Mateo

October

2nd – Old Timer's Ride and AGM

November

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

December

4th – Christmas Party (no ride or meeting)

Ride Schedule..

by **Gar Jorgenson**, ride coordinator

May

May 15th – Mt Hamilton. Ride Leader Tom Dabel reports that he will be leading us west to east this year starting from his house in San Jose. Tom asks that you be there by 10:00 AM so that we can leave shortly thereafter. To get to Tom's house, exit I-680 in San Jose on McKee Rd and go east. Turn Left On Toyon and left again on Golf. Turn right on Linda Flora and stop when you get to a bunch of Norton's parked on the east side of the road! Call Tom at 408-272-0369 if you need additional info.

The ride will go up the west side of Mt. Hamilton with stops at the observatory and "The Junction". The ride will return to San Jose via Mines Rd and Pleasanton, or you can bail out at "The Junction" and head down into the San Joaquin Valley via Del Puerto Canyon.

June

12th – North Bay Ride – Sunday

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). Check the June Notice for complete details.

19th – Adopt-a-Highway clean up day - Sunday

July

3rd – Ride/Meeting – San Juan Bautista - Sunday

13th through 17th - INOA National Rally, Oregon

August

12th, 13th, 14th – Dardanelle/ North-South Weekend – Friday through Sunday

13th – Alternative Day Ride –Saturday David Crader is going o take us over the mountains to the Ghost Town of Bodie this year, so if you can only make one day of this weekend, this is the day

21st – Adopt-a-Highway clean up day - Sunday

September

18th – Cameron's/HMB Ride - Sunday

October

16th – Delta Ride – Sunday

November

- 5th – All British Ride - Saturday
- 27th – Adopt-a-Highway clean up day - Sunday
- 27th – Turkey Ride - Sunday

December

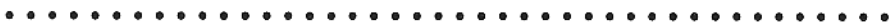
- 4th – Christmas Party (no ride or meeting)

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signal; April is the start of something wonderful in 2005. Lets all get healthy, get our bikes in tune and have a great riding season.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank some of the people in this club who work so hard to make events fun for all. To those who got up way before dawn and drove for a couple hours just to be there at the Clubman Show to help out, those of you who work at home, on your own time to make the plans for club events. To Ken Armann British Cycles and Raber's Parts Mart for their help with trophies and the booth decorations. These guys are part of the foundation of British motorcycling in the bay area. To the members who came by the booth at the Clubman Show and paid their re-ups and to all the new members, I say welcome and thank you. A great season awaits and you can so be part of it.

Lorin Guy, President



PARTY PARTY PARTY PARTY PARTY

Art Sirota and Lynda invites the NCNOC to his annual barbecue on June 25 at noon. **Free** food and drinks.

No alcohol or smoking

Hot tub, bring your suits (I don't know about Art, but I would not like to see you guys in the buff. ed.)

Kids welcome

You are encouraged to ride a British Bike.

601 Harrison Avenue, Redwood City 650-363-9277

EDITOR'S CORNER

The Clubman's Show is over for the year. And a good show it was. There were enough vendors there such that they had to spill out to the pavilion area outside. The Norton Club members had a good showing with awards being won by Len Iosty, Art Sirota, Lorin Guy, and Frank Recoder among others. Lorin Guy and Alan Goldwater did a bang up job putting together the Club Booth, winning the Best Booth in the Show for the third year in a row. The BSA Club should just give it to us as I do not see much in the way of competition.

The Day After Ride went off well. It is my understanding that only one rider (BSA) did a slow speed slideout at the start of the ride. The rider jumped up and continued the ride. I was tasked with riding shotgun in Lorin Guy's van while his wife Katherine drove, and a great job she did. We initially picked up Frank Recoder who was riding one of Frank's bikes while here on a visit from Mexico City. It was thought that his unit had a leaking inner tube but it was found later at Alice's that the valve core was a little loose. We picked up two BSAs, one with a broken chain and the other with a broken clutch cable. I saw two Triumphs in the back of another chase truck. The only Norton that did not finish the ride was a Commando that suffered a broken header pipe. All in all it was a great ride and the weather could not have been better. Thanks to Ray Pallet for the fine route and organization.

Speaking of that globetrotter Ray Pallet, I have a report from him as a result of his recent trip back to England and his visit to the Stafford Show that will be in next month's issue. Keep an eye out for it as it is quite interesting.

Tom Dabel promises hot coffee at the start of the Mt. Hamilton Ride on May 15. If you want to partake, get to Tom's house early as he will be heading out at 10:00am. The week following is the Hanford Show and Swapmeet happening on SATURDAY the 21st.

It must be springtime as I have received 4 ads for the sale of Nortons; see them on page 18.

Ride hard and ride safe. You are not getting any younger.

Mike Sullivan, Editor

President's Message by Lorin Guy

May is here and "what took ya Sooooo long?" May, for me, has always signaled the start fun times, things to do and of better weather with longer days. The longer days, that's my time if year. I feel like I can get everything done and if I don't there is another long day tomorrow, no stress we have daylight to burn!

Born and raised right here in California... I'm not a winter person, so these long days and nice weather is ingrained. Working in the garage and being able to have light till late is a wonderful part of California life. Riding too, this means we can start earlier ride further and have almost twice as much fun. Speaking of rides...

Big events are on the way, not just because it's May but in spite of it. We have only three months till our INOA Rogue Rally in Oregon, we have the NOC ride schedule and Moto Melee and Cycle TT. There are the Mods and Rockers Ride with SFMC May 14th (this is a kick, don't miss this one) and loads of vintage fun with Vmoto and BSA owners group.

If you love to ride (as I do) these are some of the areas best rides with some of the nicest people you'll ever meet (besides NCNOC of course). Sure it's not all Norton but then again it's a great opportunity to spread the Norton mystique and maybe convert that Triumph rider or that lowly Honda guy on his 550-4. People are amazed at how powerful and how great Norton's sound. Going on rides is a great way to help the club spread the word... ok, not in the same way that those bicycling, white shirt and ties guys do, but in a Motorcycle kind of way... Camaraderie is some of the best medicine for what ills ya.

Riding with friends as we do in Norton club and with new soon to be friends as we do with SFMC, VTRG or Vmoto and BSAOC makes this whole motorcycle experience an uber wonderful thing. All I can say is the days are longer so you can ride more... So ride more! April is your

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NCNOC Minutes 4-14-05 at Harrys Hoffbrau San Jose

Meeting called to order by Lorin Guy at 7:55 PM with 22 members and guests present

- 1) The Clubman Show was a great success. Our booth won the Best Booth award for the 3rd consecutive year. Thanks to all who contributed to the clubs presence.
- 2) Len Iosty, Frank Recoder, Lorin and Art Sirota got trophies for various bikes.
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the Notice
- 4) Thanks to Katherine Guy for driving the chase truck on the Day After ride, to the corner workers, and to Ray and Tom for planning and leading a great ride. One spill, five breakdowns and no injuries.
- 5) Mike Sullivan reports that several classified Norton ads have come in and are printed elsewhere in this issue.
- 6) The next ride is Mt. Hamilton, leaving from Tom Dabel's house May 15th.
- 7) Work on the INOARogue Rally is moving forward. Katherine Guy reports that several family-oriented events will be offered, including whitewater rafting, winery tours, and a group to the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. Ron Bastiaans and Jerry Grainger volunteered to work on the rally shirt franchise for NCNOC.
- 8) Lorin proposed a NCNOC souvenir pin for rally participants. I commented that there will also be a staff shirt or hat for most or all rally workers.
- 9) The large Norton Girl display posters from the show are for sale. Contact Lorin if you're interested (\$100 each).
- 10) The proposed by-law revisions were voted upon and unanimously approved as printed in the Norton Notice. The official Bylaws are posted at NortonClub.com, and can also be supplied by mail to any member on request.
- 11) Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Alan Goldwater, NCNOC sec.

TRAVELS WITH SHIRLEY

Part 7 Don Danmeier

As I said before, central Ohio proved to be a real treat. We moseyed upstate to the cabin we'd rented (girls driving the van carrying the race bike; Bill and I on our Nortons), which was located in fair proximity to both the Rally and the Mid-Ohio track. Amish country it was, so that meant neat, tidy farms; quaint horse-drawn wagons on the roads; horseshit to dodge; and more folks named Yoder than I ever imagined. But no argument about the nifty roads.

Bill and another guy had partnered on a garage at the track, so we offloaded there early Friday morning, and once his Norton was ready for the practice session, I scooted off to check out the swap meet. Did I mention his race bike? He campaigns a Featherbed Commando, and on this occasion it was delivered to the track by Herb Becker of Kitchener, Ontario, who had assembled the engine and built the exhaust system. The crank, cam, and head work had been done by Steve Maney in England. So this would be a shakedown day, including an introduction to a new and improved powerband. He would also be riding a Yamaha TZ250D (the bike we'd trucked in) for another guy who considers himself a better wrench than a rider. Gee, how rational. So our Billy was to be a busy boy.

Me too. I hate "shopping", as in "Honey, let's go shopping, they have the cutest sweaters at Macy's!!" But a swap meet, that's not the same thing. You can find things there that you actually need. It took me a good part of two days to check out the 900-something vendors. In the end, I didn't buy much, but then again if you already know Phil Radford, you generally don't need much. Over the course of my wanderings in there, I sought out (but never found) two of my former editorial conspirators, John Diederich of the AJS/Matchless club, and Clark Francy of the Ohio Valley BSAOC. We exchanged a lot of newsletters over the years, and I was looking forward to a mutual catching-up in person. Next time. But

as far as swap meets go, I doubt whether the total volume of British stuff available exceeded what goes on sale at our annual Clubman's event in San Jose. There was a LOT of used Japanese material, and the usual percentage of Harley stuff. Great fun. I walked out with a pair of mudflaps for the Norton, figuring that they would reduce the spray that we'd get when we encountered the rain that was sure to find us eventually.

Speaking of Phil, I found him down in the paddock. During the course of the weekend, he bought a boatload of parts at the swap meet. But then he had his truck to get 'em home. He joined our entourage as we kept an eye on the races, and we had him over for dinner at the cabin on Saturday. We also came across one of our BSAOC pals, Jerry Liggett, out of Sacramento. He was pitted in the garage at the end of our building, running two Triumph triples, the only Brit 3-cylinder race bikes at the meet. His co-rider was Gary Nixon.

Friday saw Bill get a few bugs worked out of the Norton. He had an escapade with a loose muffler, but there was no question that the engine makeover was paying off. The Yamaha was okay I guess, but then I was helping with the Norton and left work on the Yamaha to the other guys, (1) me being no expert, and (2) it didn't need much anyway. I was also having fun watching the Indian guys in the next bay tweak their ancient flathead into growling out some horsepower. The big money was on Dave Roper, a couple of bays down at the other end, who was riding, among other things, the Manx Norton.

That evening, we traipsed over the fairgrounds in Ashland. Shirley and I are both flat-track fans, and since we had some fellow BSAOC pals on the card with a Goldie, it made it doubly enjoyable. Dave Kath had come out from Elko to wrench for his son Joel (you may remember his Gold Star as a class winner at the Clubman's Show last year). Yeah, it looks good. And it goes like stink. In his heat, Joel managed to work his way through the pack, to run behind the two leaders, who were running twins. So he gave away 250cc, but put on a hell of a show. The guys in front were banging handlebars up there, and he said later that there was no way he was going to make it a threesome. Not

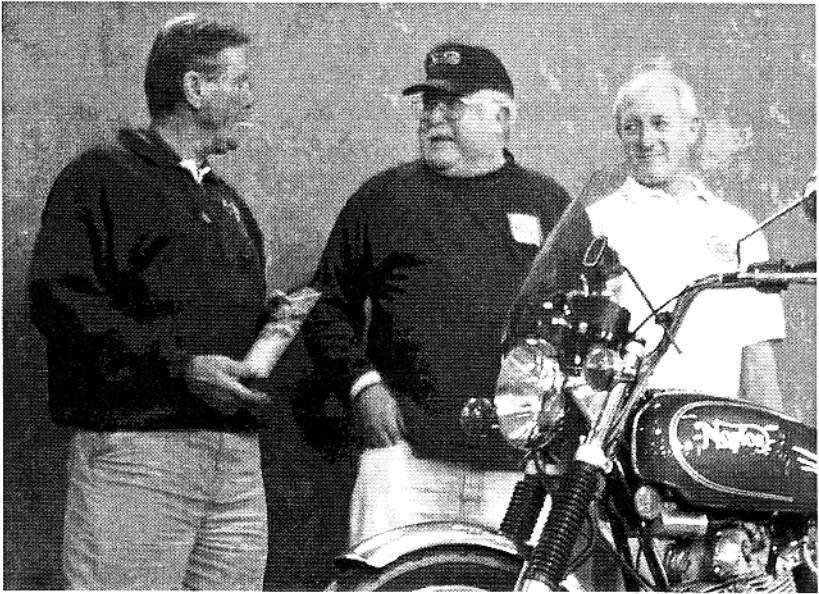
bad for a rookie. During the show, we were surprised by another BSAOC guy who had come out from the west coast. He pretended to be glad to see me, but I knew he was just sidling up to get a huggie from Shirley. Besides the great racing, the other main attractions that night were the 2005 Rocket Three parade laps that Triumph North America managed to pull off as a publicity stunt, and the lightning show in the sky from the threatening storm.

Saturday was the first full day of racing. Bill would be running Formula 750 and BEARS classes on the Norton, and Battle of the Twins (2-stroke) with the Yamaha. The Norton went well, but he had to pull out with an air leak from a loose carburetor. If I remember right, he'd been lying fourth. He took second on the Yamaha. Nixon couldn't quite get past Springsteen on the orange and black you-know-what. Shirley and I cruised around the facility on our bike, dropping in at the Norton club stand and visiting with the Vincent club guys next to them. Craig Vetter was there, riding that outrageous new creation of his. It reminds me of those old Salisbury scooters, but his is bigger, flashier, and I would guess, a lot faster.

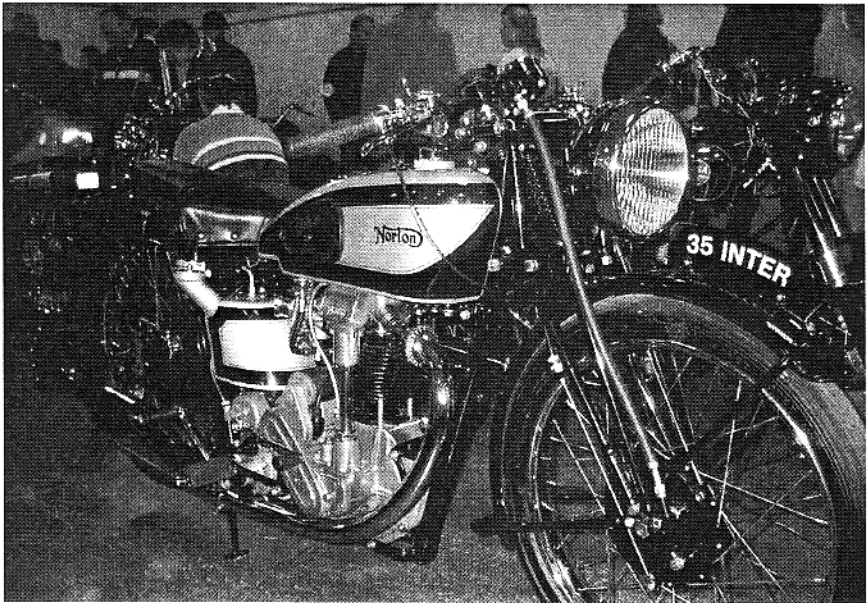
On Sunday, the bike to beat was a Gold Star. Shirley had interviewed old Bob McKeever, a gent who owned a Manx that was in the running, and surprisingly, he figured that the BSA would be their nemesis. The Goldie had tangled its valves on Saturday, so had not placed in the standings. But unbeknownst to us, our pal Dave had run out to his truck and lifted the head from Joel's flat track bike, and loaned them a set of rockers. The Goldie romped to a win, and Dave got his "special parts" back. Bill was running in second place when he came off in the wet, so that was that for the Norton. He did take a third on the Yamaha. Jerry won his race on the triple, and when we got back home we found a great photo of his celebratory burn-out in our e-mailbox.

Good weather, good friends, great racing. Good grief, what a blast.

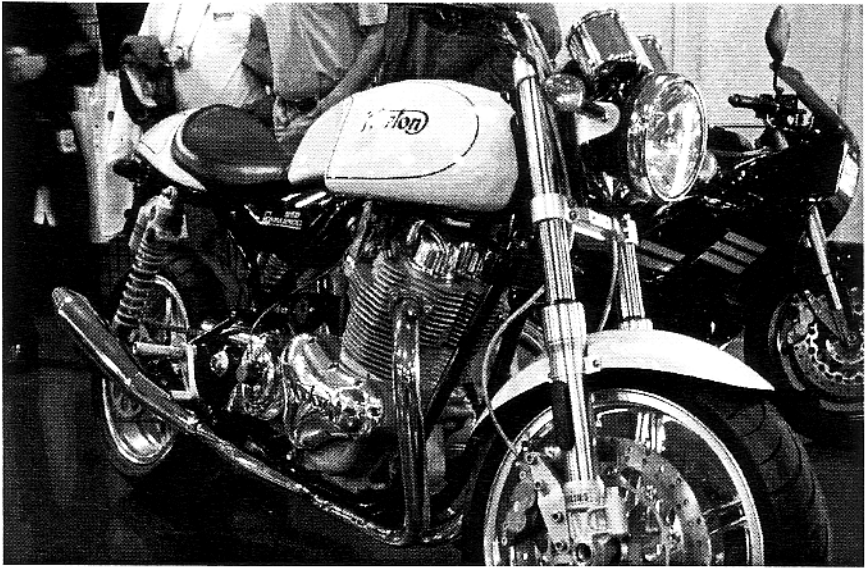
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Leonard Iosty Receives his trophy for his nice Mark III



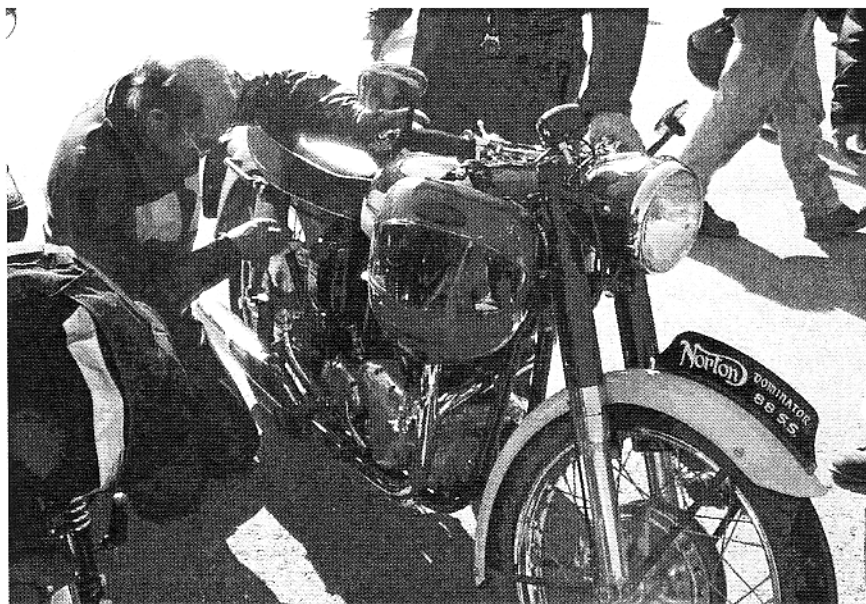
Best Norton in the Show, Paul Adams '35 Inter



Pre-production New Norton. It was nice to see Kenny Dreer and the crew at the show. Did you place your order?



Honda had nothing on BSA in regards to an engine in the wheel design



Ken Armann rescues another one



Ton Dabel incognito as the Ride Leader

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Northwest Norton Owners
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4th ANNUAL BSAOC NORTHWOODS RIDE

June 17-19

This is a three day romp through the paved backroads of Northern California, including Mt. Lassen, Quincy La Porte Rd., Deer Creek Rd., Hwy 3, Salmon River Canyon, Hwy 96, the 60 mile long FR 1 Ridge Route from which you can see the ocean and the Sierras and the delightful Hwy 36. Start at 10AM Friday from the Waffle Shop at 2107 Feather River Blvd, near the Montgomery exit from Hwy 70 in Oroville. Friday night will be at Motel 6 in Central Redding (530-221-1800) Saturday Night is at Bigfoot Motel in Willow Creek (530-629-2142). Make your reservations early. Open to all Brit Bikes. Anyone arriving thursday night will get a free tour of the Bently Conway Motorcycle Museum at 1757 Leta Ln, Thermalito. (530-533-8144)

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For Sale: 1973 750 Commando.
This is a one owner bike with 12K miles. Dunstall mufflers, Two seats original and Corbin. Recent engine work to Combat specs. Owners and shop manuals and tool kit \$6,000.00 Call Bill at 510-794-8426

For Sale: 1969 Norton Commando Roadster 750, 5,600 miles, looks and runs great, all stock except for front disc brake. New battery, just had major service. \$4,500.00 Call Jay Sitton 415-987-7679 or email at jfsitton@hotmail.com

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: 1977 Mark 3 Commando 20,500 miles rebuilt at 18,000 miles Electronic ignition, powder coatings, new chrome, new sealed battery electric starter works, all original except pea-shooter mufflers. \$5,500.00 Call Walt Brooke 530-345-2836 Chico, CA

For Sale: 1970 Commando Roadster (was originally a S Type) Ground up restoration, Norton yellow, engine rebuilt 900 miles and 5 years ago (that's right), superblends, Boyer, Corbin seat, voltmeeter and oil pressure gauge. Numbers match. Stored inside and covered. No disappointments. Beautiful bike. \$5,000.00 Call Donn Donneley 559-683-4497 Oakhurst, CA

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.

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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 _____

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