

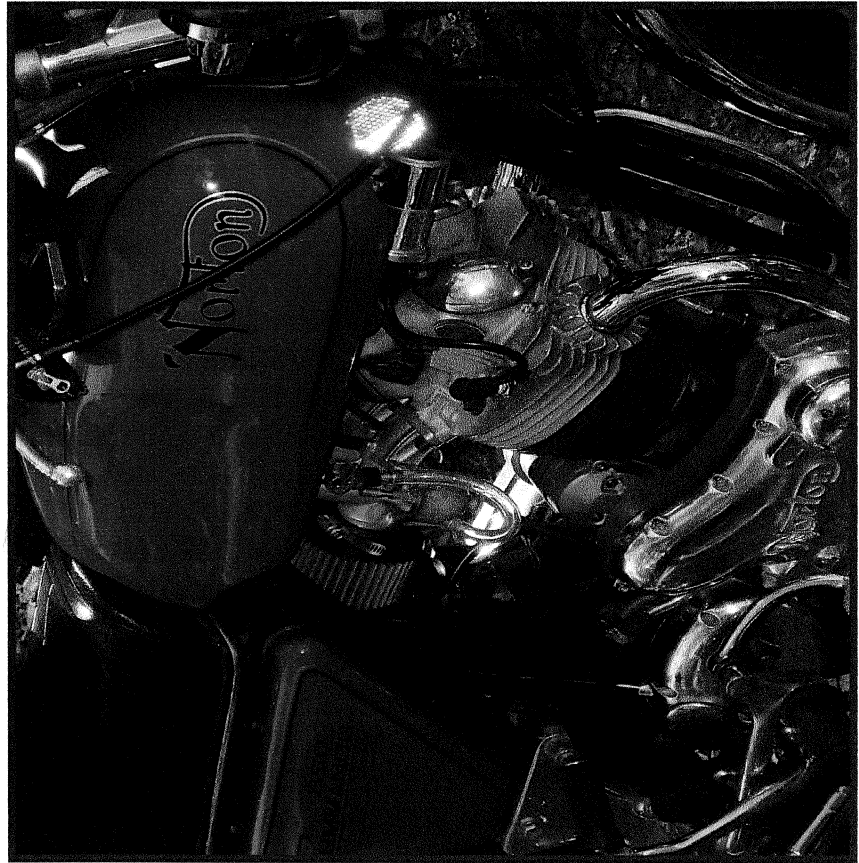
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Happy times at the AGM Ride

Ken Armann in back ground, Fred Fortune in Red

Happy 2008—Ride safe and may it bring a smile to you and your friends. See you on the road.

LEO CHRISTIANSON COVER PHOTOS



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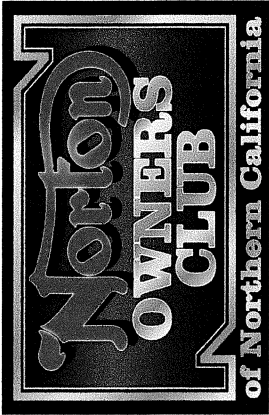
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LONG TIME MEMBER JOHN PADILLA DOING A QUICK TUNE-UP BEFORE THE 06 BRITISH RIDE.  
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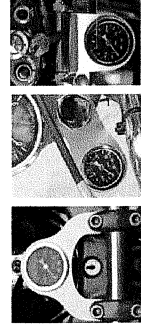
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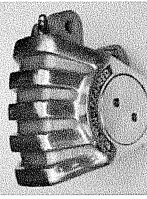
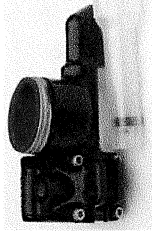
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**Oil pressure gauge:** Norton Center Mount (left pic) or Side Mount (center pic) **Side or Center Mount:** MSRP: \$182.00 each **MCB part NOPGSMT or Part NOPCMNT** Triumph Center Mount (right pic) MSRP: \$228.00 each **MCB part TOPGCMNT** All three include all parts necessary for installation.

**13mm master cylinder upgrade:** (exchange); 750, 850 or Mark III. 33% more stopping power. Black powder coated. Includes bleed kit hardware and instructions. No modifications to bike required. **MCB part NORIMC750 or 850 or MK3** MSRP: \$192.00 each

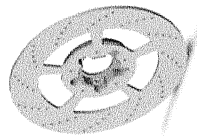


**Brake caliper (exchange):** rebuilt using SST pistons, plug, bleeder & Andover Norton seals. **Assembly:** MCB part **NORTNICAL** MSRP: \$230.00 each **Separate part price:** **Pistons:** MCB part **NORPSTN** MSRP: \$26.00 each **Plug:** MCB part **NCALPLUG** MSRP: \$32.00 each **Bleeder:** MCB part **NORBLEED** MSRP: \$11.00 each **Seal set:** MCB part **NCALSEAL** MSRP: \$12.00 each

**Rear Mark III master cylinder assembly:** new 13mm SST body master cylinder attached to powder coated billet mount. Includes both boots and #10-32 SHCS that attaches master cylinder to mount. **Assembly:** MCB part **NRIMCASSY** MSRP: \$235.00 each



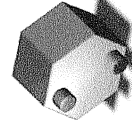
**Separate part price:** **SST master cylinder:** MCB part **NRMCBODY** (also fits Triumph front and rear) MSRP: \$155.00 each; **Cylinder mount:** MCB part **BILETMT** MSRP: \$61.00 each; **Boots (ext. or int.):** MCB part **NMCRBEXT** or **NMCRBINT** MSRP: \$10.00 each



**Norton 11-inch SST rotor:** Includes disk, hub, and instructions. Either design at left MCB part **NROTOR11** MSRP: \$323.00 each



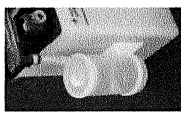
**Triumph 10-inch SST rotor:** Includes disk, hub, and instructions. Direct OEM replacement MCB part **TROTOR10** MSRP: \$323.00 each



**Caliper plug tool:** SST with hardened pins. Use with 1-1/8" socket or adjustable spanner. MCB part **PLUGTOOL** MSRP: \$32.00 each



**Anti wet sump valve with view port:** Attaches to engine oil supply line. Includes clamps. MCB part **ANTISUMJP** MSRP: \$72.00 each



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## MINUTES: CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/2/07

The All Brit Ride the first Saturday of the month

March

The Clubman's Show: Morning after Ride on Sunday

June

Cambria: North South Ride in conjunction with the So Cal NOC

West Coast Rendezvous with the Northwest NOC in at Indian Mary Park

Mid-state Oregon the last weekend of the month

July

The Soquel Show around the first of the month

August

The Dardanelles Campout

The NOC calendars are available from the INOA for \$22.00 each, if you want to pick them up at a NOC meeting. If you would rather have them mailed to you, the price is \$25.00 Contact Alan Goldwater if you would like to order one.

We gave Jerry and Wendy Grainger a round of applause and thanks for hosting the Christmas Party again!

Alan passed the gavel to Harry Bunting to conduct the raffle. The official meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM

Respectfully submitted.

Mike Sullivan, Secretary

About 35 members and guests present. Two bikes Keith Karn, Ray Pallett.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

Alan Goldwater opened with a welcome to his last meeting as President. He called for a volunteer to serve as President and stated if no volunteers come forward, the Executive Committee can find someone to serve and appoint them.

The in-coming Vice-president, Harry Bunting was introduced and presented THE NORTON CUP for most ride and meeting points for the 2007-riding year.

Alan received a letter from Suzy Greenway, the President of the INOA, thanking the NCNOC for making available the breakfasts at the National Rally in Torrey, Utah. 850 breakfasts were served and the NOC netted about \$450.00 for the effort of those members who volunteered.

The new Editor, Pat O'Shay was introduced. Alan stated that the Club needed to buy some publishing software to get rolling. Kathryn Guy made a motion that we spend up to \$350.00 for the required software. Margie Siegal seconded the motion there were no objections.

We discussed the ride schedule for the year. Alan said that if anyone saw a conflict, please contact a Club officer so it may be resolved.

Here are some of major rides discussed:

November

## HARRY S MESSAGE

### Harry Bunting, Club Vice President

If you go to all the meetings, ride your Norton on almost every Norton Club ride, go to the INOA rally and help out, work at our Clubman show booth, help with dinners at the Dardanelles Campground and pick up garbage at the "Adopt a Highway" near Alice's you are bound to get noticed!

As your new VP, it is my pleasure to serve the Norton California Norton Owners Club. It has always amazed me that with volunteers and little money in the bank, our Club has published a Norton Notice for 29 years and organized countless rides and events. In April 2008, we will have published the Norton Notice for 30 years. We should make this a major feature in our Norton Notice. What a fabulous accomplishment!

Years ago, we had a section in the Notice where members wrote a small autobiography about themselves and their Norton experience. Much time has passed, I think we should reinstate this practice: it would possibly be very entertaining. Yes, I will do it sometime this year.

Do we have any volunteers?

There are great plans for our Clubman show booth this year (I will not give away the details), there are new and exciting rides planned, the INOA rally (Go Alani), some great shows and the fabulous Dardanelles Campground weekend. With our solid Executive Committee in place and their upfront planning for 2008, this should be another stellar year for the NCNOC.

Did you remember to sleeve your AMALs and master cylinders, get a boyer, a pressure relief valve and tighten all your nuts and screws? (Not those nuts!) If all else fails, make sure Keith Karn is traveling with you on the ride and you will drive it home.

*Harry Bunting our new VP and Alan Goldwater our Ex Pres, out doing what Norton owners do best!*

Leo Christianson Photo



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## CLASSIFIED AD

My name is Dwight I inherited a 1969 Norton 750 commando. It is not running at the moment, but does run . It was stored for two years and is complete with extra parts asking \$3000.00 please contact me at 310-457-3386 or cell 310-804-1837 located in so. cal. thank you

*Editor Comment: We have an important vacancy in the Club; the President's position. Please think about being a volunteer for a one year term.*

*I need some garage projects for future issues—no! I don't mean our mechanics in the club—I mean you! If you have any desire to write a column or even a short bit, this is your chance, we all benefit from a variety of stories from Norton folks. Pat*

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## Message from Robert (Bob) Norum

### DVNA Club of PA - 08 Rally

Son Hunter and I spent 4 days visiting Mom, Dad & sister in the SF Bay area Friday thru Monday (Nov 8 thru 13). Hunter and I visited Ken Armann in his shop in Campbell Saturday afternoon. Ken and assistant Dave work on an assortment of classic British and European bikes. Other members of the Northern California Norton Owners happened to be stopping by at that time - the shop has a real friendly atmosphere to it.

Sunday morning found us at Alice's Restaurant on Skyline Boulevard in Woodside for an ad hoc get together over breakfast for around 12 members of the Nor Cal Norton Owners. Longtime club member and current INOA VP, Alan Goldwater, rode in from his home in Santa Cruz on his highly personalized Mk3 Interstate. Club member Tom Dabel rode in on his very nice A10 BSA. I learned that Alice's is their (unofficial clubhouse) - they periodically hold meetings in the private room behind the main dining room. How cool is that!

Keep the rubber side down and the grin factor up.  
Bob

For those of who you have not met Bob and his lovely wife Tari (Secretary of the INOA), we had a lot of fun talking with them at the Utah rally and comparing stories about life and motorcycles. Congratulations to Bob, who is the 2008 President of the DVNA and part of the organizing team for the rally in July 2008. I am sure they would love to see some of us show up at the rally, and would be glad to encourage us

Listed below is the site where you can find out info as it happens. The rally dates are July 21 thru July 25, for additional information: contact Tari Norum by phone at 215-741-0110 or by e-mail at [secretary@inoanorton.com](mailto:secretary@inoanorton.com).

<http://www.inoanorton.com/Events/index.html>

## 2008 A NEW RIDING SEASON: Check your bike before you ride

Officer Bindar Dundat of the CHP

It is never fun to come home in the chase truck. Here are eight things you need to check on your bike before riding season starts The Norton owner's manual contains all the information needed to adjust or repair the following items.

#1

Check the tyres. This is the most important part of your bike. If the engine quits, you roll to a stop, if a tyre quits...trouble! Make an effort to check the surface of the tyre looking for cuts in the rubber or foreign objects- like a nail. Check the tyre pressure with a good tyre gauge, if a tyre is low every time you check. (even though you have put in the proper amount of air) Have it repaired! You have a slow leak that can become a fast leak!

#2

Check the controls. Cables are quite strong and rarely break, but look for kinking, stiffness, or anything unusual in their operation.

#3

Check your lights, including brake lights, headlights and turn signals if you have them. Make sure everything works. Check your horn and adjust the mirrors.

#4

Check the oil and fuel level. Especially important on your nice Norton motorcycles.

#5

Check your chain, make sure the tension is proper and the chain is clean. Chains need cleaning and lubrication from time to time.

#6

Make sure the side stand and center stand fold properly, and stay up. If a retraction spring is weak, broken or missing, replace it.

#7

As you roll, off. Check your brakes. Just to make sure they have not gone away!

#8

Be a good friend, if your bike is ready to go, Take a quick look at your buddy's bike, if you see a problem alert him/her.

(Thanks to Lorin Guy for taking time to write these great articles)

SUBJECT: SUNDAY RIDE Happy New Year!

Liz Sain

FREEZE RIDE 12-30-07

It was more of a "meet in the parking lot and walk across the street to breakfast" sort of thing.

After all, we did ride to the start!

In addition, it is cold, and there is a great meal in our private back room, and that is very tempting... eight of us dined-in. Dan Bockmier left before the meal. Three of our group had the pork chops, which come on a real china plate! We successfully split the check, without complaining, and then walked across Highway 35 for more kibitzing.

In addition, we were looking for some sunshine, which is in short order this time of year. There were three Norton's in the group, which is good. I guess that is it!

Harry Bunting Photo



## RIDER POINTS FOR 2007

Congratulations to the following folks for having the most points for the riding year of 2007!

The names are listed in order of points, our new Vice President, Harry Bunting is the leader at 130 points, and Alan Goldwater tied at 130, Keith Karn 100 points, Ron Bastiaans at 94, Terry Morrison at 76.

In addition to the folks shown above, I am listing everyone who came out to ride and or support the riders in 2007.

Tom Dabel, Ray Pallett, Lorin Guy, Liz Sain, Len Losty, Ken Armann, George Shoblo, Jerry Grainger, Don Goforth, Donna Morrison, Leo Christianson, Frank Recoder, Mike Sullivan, Dave Crader, Sachie Shoblo, Kathryn Guy, Dan Bockmier, Diana Pettijohn, Steve Morse, Phil Radford, Chuck Bohn, Fred Fortune, Gar Jorgenson, Lynn Miller, Todd Darrow, Elizabeth Recoder, Ian Reddy, Carolyn Scott, Philippe Murat, David Hedges, Eric Rhodes, Kim Williams, Jerry Kaplan, Margie Siegal, Cindy Armann, Stefan Guy, M Lai, Jim Tomich, Donald Warren, Raleigh Akins, Marty Burks, Jim Carton, Jerry Gurley, Margie Morse, Norm Trueblood, Dick Schubert, Rob Beck, John Frei.

I would like to issue a challenge to all of you riders. If you fail to see someone's name that you used to ride with, give him or her a call and find out if he/she can come out and join us on the road again. If you find an interesting story along the way, be sure and tell the editor, so we can update the club on Norton owner stories and adventures.

## RIDE REPORT

Turkey Ride 11-27-07

The last ride of the year was a fun filled, jaunt on great roads with no mishaps or grief. Maybe one narrow escape with an emergency vehicle speeding to an occurrence but, all's well that ends up on two wheels.

The East Bay ride led by Harry Bunting (riding his deep red interstate) started at the Santana Row in San Jose at "Cocolcas" bakery (it was closed until 8am) with a coffee and a muffin about 7:30am from Starbucks around the corner. Once open, a second cuppa was joined by Alan Goldwater (on his very cool Norton Commander) Tom Dabel (aboard his trusty silver Interstate) and his bride Liz (on her BMW), and me (sporting my modern bike, BMW RT) with four of us in tow, we set off for Danville and the official start of the East Bay ride.

The route took us up 680 and on the way seeing Dan Maynard in his van and his beautiful Fastback Commando with his equally beautiful 1970 Triumph 650. Dan was hauling to the ride start bringing the extra bike for now Melee vet Phillippe Manoux.

Surmising that we might see some East Bay members as this ride starts in Danville; we journeyed to Pete's Brass Rail and Carwash (also not open). Meeting some members already waiting, we parked and got off to stretch.

William Ball (and his very clean Mk III Commando) Phil Davies, Williams neighbor. (On his equally as clean 1976 naked Honda Gold wing Keith Karn (his Commando now with a cool new starter) Steve Perry (not that Steve Perry) from VTRG on his clean and fast 1972 Triumph. Carolyn Scott showed up just as we were starting to leave and joined us after gassing up, and now we are twelve.

What a great day for a ride, what great roads Harry mapped and what a great crowd of people to ride and have lunch with. Thanks Harry that was some great ride.

Lorin

Hey, Great ride! Except for the part where the fire engine, with lights and no siren, tries to blow all of us off the road. We were separated after the meal, and found our way back to Vasco Road. Near Los Vaqueros, we found Steve and his Triumph, Triumph making bad noises!

Alan loaned him a lock and Liz hiked him to his house in Livermore. Steve went into retrieval mode and we left, getting to San Jose around 3:30, and Alan heading over the hill. It really was a great ride, thanks for the effort, Harry.

Tom and Liz

## RIDE POINTS FOR 2008

Why talking about points is important at the beginning of the year – most old time riders know all about this, but new members, or some of us (like me) have trouble remembering almost anything! I have asked for a list of the points to be earned at events that the Norton club sponsors. This correlates with the ride calendar of events featured in this Notice. Make sure to sign up for points with the Norton event leader at each sponsored NOC event. Make sure to take along a camera so that you can send in pictures to the editor!

### POINT SCHEDULE

Meetings/Attend four points

Attend on a Norton/six points

### Rides

Ride on a Norton/four points

Ride non Norton/British/three points

Ride non-British/two points

In car/one point

**Ride Leader gets double points. Non-riding support staff all get four points if they sign up for a job before hand. Cook, Table Monitor, Chase Truck driver, other as needed. Highway Clean-up four points for participating. Points for a national rally are for the individual rally and may vary from the formula listed above, consult with the ride leader at the rally for clarification.**

CALENDER OF UP-COMING EVENTS OF BRITISH CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Jan 06	(Sun)	BSAOCSC Annual General Meeting Steve Ortiz, 951-245-5287	Mar 15	(Sat)	AHRMA vintage MX, Brentwood 760-382-6013
Jan 10	(Thu)	NCNOC meeting, Harry's Hofbrau, San Jose 7PM	Mar 16	(Sun)	NCNOC ride to Tres Pinos, meet at Baker's Square, Los Gatos, IOAM
Jan 10t	Thru		Mar 23	(Sun)	Oregon Vintage Motorcyclist's Moto Piccolo & Scooter Run
Jan 11	(Fri)	Mid-America's Vintage Motorcycle Auction South Point Casino 651-633-9655	Mar 29	(Sat)	<u>BSAOCNC 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CLUBMAN'S</u>
Jan 12	(Sat)	Las Vegas <a href="http://www.midamericaauctions.com">www.midamericaauctions.com</a>	Mar 29	(Sat)	<u>ALL-BRITISH SHOW &amp; SWAP MEET</u> , San JoseBarry Porter, 408-985-7864 European motorcycle show & swap meet, San Jose <a href="mailto:Eurofest2008@yahoo.com">Eurofest2008@yahoo.com</a>
Jan 19	(Sat)	<u>BSAOCNC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u> And post-holiday season gathering Jim Tomich, 408-377-9457	Mar 29	(Sat)	Indoor Short Track, San Jose
Jan 20	(Sun)	BSAOCSC Mt. Baldy Ride Steve Ortiz, 951-245-5287	Mar 30	(Sun)	<u>THE "MORNING AFTER" RIDE</u> , Los Gatos John Sims, 415-637-1064
Jan 20	(Sun)	NCNOC Polar Bear Ride, meet at Alice's IOAM	Apr 05	(Sat)	<u>BSAOCNC/BSAOCSC MID-STATE RIDE</u>
Feb 09	(Sat)	AHRMA vintage MX & Trials, Phoenix AZ	Apr 06	(Sun)	Frank Forster, 831-688-2120
Feb 10	(Sun)	760-382-6013 / 303-422-2847	Apr 10	(Thu)	NCNOC meeting, Harry's Hofbrau, San Jose 7PM
Feb 10	(Sun)	NCNOC Ride, meet at The Florence in Niles, IOAM			
Feb 14	(Thu)	NCNOC meeting, Harry's Hofbrau, Foster City 7PM	Apr 12	(Sat)	AHRMA roadraces, Willow Springs
Feb 29	(Fri)	AMA Bike Week	Apr 13	(Sun)	910-253-8012
thru			Apr 13	(Sun)	NCNOC Peninsula Ride, meet at Alice's IOAM
Mar 09	(Sun)	Daytona Beach, FL	Apr 19	(Sat)	<u>BSAOCNC BRITISH SINGLES RIDE</u> Jim Romain, 707-894-3805
Mar 03	(Mon)	AHRMA roadraces, Daytona Beach FL	Apr 19	(Sat)	AHRMA vintage MX, Perris Raceway 760-382-6013
Mar 04	(Tue)	910-253-8012			
Mar 08	(Sat)	<u>BSAOCNC EAST BAY RIDE</u> Robert Stout , 925-348-2331	Apr 27	(Sun)	Pacific Coast Dream Machines show, Half Moon Bay
Mar 13	(Thu)	NCNOC meeting, San Francisco Liberties, 998 Guerrero St. @ 22nd Street			