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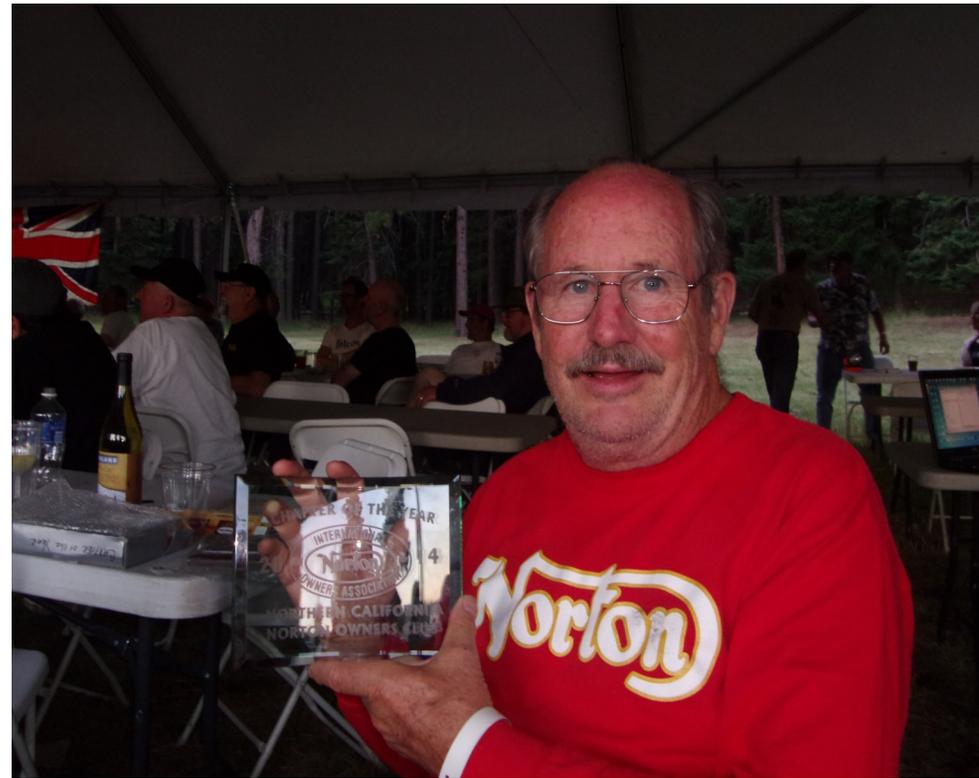
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INOA Chapter of the Year
NCNOC wins BIG
at the Oregon Rally



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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.

Applicants Signature and date (required)

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2014 RIDE AND EVENT DIARY: note: dates in bold are NCNOC club events those not in bold are events of interest to the club. **For event details see your club website at Nortonclub.com**

September 7 (Sun) Adopt-a-Highway Clean up Alice's at the corners 10am start time. Chair: Lorin & Kathryn Guy 408.242.1976

September 10 (Wed) TrackerNite 7 Santa Clara Ca. Motorcycle show and BBQ @ Barnaby Machine C. 954 Shulman Ave 5:30pm-9:30pm Lorin and Kathryn Guy 408.242.1976

September 11 (Thur) Meeting: Swiss Park Newark Ca. , 8pm

September 14 (Sun) Delta Ride: Meets at Carl's Jr, 915 Main Street, Oakley, CA 94561 leaving for Rio Vista at 10am where we will stop shortly at the McDonalds to pick up anyone joining from the Davis, Sacramento area. Lunch @ at O'Mally's Pub in Old Towne Sacramento to 1109 2nd St arriving around 11:30am. Ride Leader - David Crader 510 396-1099 cell

October 5 (Sun) AGM Ride and BBQ / AGM Meeting: Vasona Park Los Gatos, Ca. this meeting is an important meeting for changes in NCNOC policy and board of directors so plan on attending! Ride start 165 Los Gatos Saratoga Rd Los Gatos, CA 9503 Ride Leader Tom Dabel 408-395-5600

October 19 (Sun) The South Valley Ride : leaves Los Gatos at 9:30: Ride Leader Lorin Guy ride details on the Website info call 408.493.5044

November 1 (Sat) All British Ride, Novato Ca, BSA Club sponsored see our club website for details, but it's the same ole start place

November 2: (Sun) Hanson Dam Ride: So Cal Norton Club annual all bike Motorcycle ride, see So Cal website for details.

November 13 (Wed) Meeting Sonoma Chicken Coop Campbell Ca, meeting starts at 8pm, arrive early and have dinner, we're upstairs

November 30 (Sun) Turkey Ride NCNOC starts at Alice's Restaurant at Skylonda corners of highway 84 and 35 at 10am

December 7 (Sun) Club's Annual Holiday Party : See Webiste for event details

—Always check your club on line calendar for updates and your Yahoo Group for up to the minute ride and event information.

President's Message:

by Ken Armann

WOW what a great summer so far, great time at the rally in Oregon (thank you Sam Justice) lots of bikes and good times had by all. The NCNOC won the Chapter of the Year 2014 award (trophy can be seen on my desk for a small fee).

Our own Margie Siegal won the "Lonest Distance Rider: Female Award", congratulations Margie.

The roads were stellar and the company could not be better. Would have been nice to have a little more water in the lake, but I do not think skinny dipping was on the menu (chunky dunking in my case). The weather was warmer in town but very nice at the resort. The theater and restaurants in town were super. We enjoyed a play (Into the Wild) soon to be a movie, in the open air Shakespearian Theater.

Really do not know what else to say about the rally it was a great time, the folks who do this do a lot to make sure everyone has a good experience.

Now for The Dardanelle DID YOU SEE MY FISH?????? After 23 years of going here I finally caught a fish big enough to shut up the peanut gallery, 24" 4lbs 2 oz!!!! It was a BIG fish and delicious as well. I cannot thank Harry and Isabel enough for their help with this event every year they make the dinner and community of family for all of us Thank You!!!

The weather was perfect again this year and the roads were as well, except a little road-work at the top of the Sonora Pass, where my carb started leaking gas and caused me to turn around to Kennedy Meadows for repairs and where I caught THE FISH!!!

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INOA and the NOC Happenings:

The NCNOC is associated with the NOC of England (Norton Owner's Club) After years of establishing ourselves as the Norton representatives in the USA we joined with the INOA (International Norton Owner's Association). We highly encourage all members to join both organizations, for the benefits to you and your club.

Coming events in the INOA:

BRITISH & EUROPEAN FALL SWAP MEET & BIKE SHOW

Oct 25, 2014 10:00 am Clean out your garage & load up your truck.

Free admission to All - including vendors.

Located @ British & American Bikes

4264 Winters Chapel Rd Doraville, GA (Atlanta)

Info & Directions contacts:

Randy 770-451-8868 (babikes@att.net)

Joe 770-448-7957 (joe13c@bellsouth.net)

Coming events in the NOC:

Tay Valley Branch Camping Weekend

When: Sep 12-Sep 14,

Where: Kirkfield Caravan Site, Grafton Road, Town Yetholm, Kelso, TD5 8RU

Contact Name: David Templeton

Contact Phone: + 44 (0)7791 291956

Tay Valley Branch is holding an informal camping weekend on the Borders in September. The camping rates are at the discretion of the site owner but indicative prices are £15 per night for a large tent and two people or £7 for one person in a small tent.

You can join the NOC at:

www.nortonownersclub.org/membership

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MotorCycle Logic: The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

~Author Unknown

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HISTORIC MOTORCYCLES, 1885 – 1985 **By Don Danmeier**

Back in the stone age of the vintage motorcycle movement here in the USA, a book appeared titled "Motorcycle Milestones, Volume 1", by Richard Renstrom. I had to have it, and got carried away staring at the photo of a 1957 Matchless G3LC in there. Even my young son picked up on that image, with no prompting from me. The G3 is a 350cc trials bike, and like all machines that are truly functional, they are also truly beautiful. Competition bikes are great in that regard. Author Renstrom has produced a similar work this time, but with a bit more heft. Comparing the two reveals that the introductory historical material is based on the earlier book, expanded somewhat, and about eight or nine of the bikes presented are included in the new volume. But there are a lot more bikes.

This time, the author provides a rationale for his selection of the machines presented. You can agree with it or not, but it does give the collection a certain definition, which is usually missing in the coffee table illustrated histories. Bikes after 1985 are omitted because, well, they are still around us, and therefore not yet truly "historical". Are there bikes selected from every year in that 100-year span? No. Are they all historically significant? I would say yes, although full disclosure is in order here: as an Anglophile, I can't vouch for the relative significance of the several other marques represented. Does the presentation include all models that could be considered historic? No, because the author's 50-year photo collection wasn't originally compiled with that goal, and the photos were taken primarily in the habitat of historic machines – vintage bike rallies and shows. The Honda Gold Wing, for example, just doesn't appear.

Each bike presented is accompanied by a page explaining the context of its origins, design, and manufacture; its physical specifications; and an assessment of its historical significance. Personally, I was somewhat distracted by some of the photographs, since I had attended many of the same events "back in the day", and, being familiar with those locations, found myself searching the background scenery, looking for people or bikes that I had known then. So I got a secondary kick out of it. To get yours, contact Caxton Press, www.caxtonpress.com). The price is \$40.00 plus postage and handling (plus \$2.40 sales tax for Idaho residents only). Optionally, you can order direct from the author, for \$45 (plus \$2.40 tax for Idahoans – but no phone or credit card orders) at 2821 Dorman Avenue, Caldwell, Idaho 83605. Should you like the author to sign and date your book, just spell out your request when ordering.

(Caxton Press: Richard Renstrom, 2013)

NCNOC Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2014

16 members present 3 Norton and 1 non-British bike ridden.

AGM possible sites were discussed. Options such as Roaring Camp, Rosaries back area and Swanton were brought up. The vote in the end was that no one really had any issue with Vasona so we will do it there again. Fred was given the task of making the reservation and did so for the Lakeview site, Oct 5th.

The NCNOC has committed to providing six members to help run the bike games at the INOA rally.

The Club ride for June was moved to the 29th for the Bikes on the Bay event. The ride will leave from the old Hobbies in Los Gatos, 9:30am

Aug 30/31 will be the 149th Scottish Highland Games. They are trying to get British bikes signed up for the show, and offering two free admission tickets for those that enter their bikes. For information or to register email: kentbell55@yahoo.com

TrackerNite7 will be on Sept 10th, and of course at the Barnaby Machine Co. In Santa Clara

Since planning is everything, next year's Quail Motorcycle Gathering event in May 16th 2015

Harry reports we only have small and medium shirts left. It was decided that we will order 48 more in L, XL and XXL, 24 in red, 24 in grey. Harry said he would put the order in on June 13th.

Treasurer report: Ron says "We have money".

Meeting minutes: July 10, 2014 **Swinging Door, San Mateo**

9 members present, 3 Norton Jerry Grainger and Ron Bastiaans on their Commandos, Me on my Model 50

General discussions were held concerning the INOA Rally at Ashland, Or, the Delta Ride to be held in September, and the Annual Dardanelles Camp out.

The Annual AGM will be held in October at Vasona Park in Los Gatos like the previous ones.

Liz and Tom Dabel told us that a new batch of T-shirts have been ordered. If you want or need one just contact them.

Mike Sullivan, Secretary



It's Kenny Armann with his prize Fish.. A Dardanelles record catch, had for dinner Saturday night all said the fish was worth the effort.

AGM, Annual General Meeting of the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC) is coming October 5th Vasona Park, Los Gatos Ca.

This Ride, Pot Luck BBQ , and meeting is where the club elects it's new board members and it's TIME TO STEP UP.

We need all members to be involved. Your opinion is important to where the club is headed . Help us move forward by dropping your name in the pot for the election.

For more information call Ken Armann 408.626.0061 or Lorin Guy @ 408.493.5044 Or any board member see Web-site

This vintage Jan Burgers Photo of Dave Potter racing the famous Gus Kuhn Norton Commando The highly detailed and aggressive Commando's dominated racing in the 70's in Europe and some in the USA.



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Bikes by the Bay

By Sportster-Diana

There were Norton a plenty meeting in Los Gatos for the NCNOC ride to the motorcycle show Bikes by the Bay. The weather was perfect for a ride, but a bit hot for standing around so everyone gathered in the available shade to drink coffee while waiting for departure time.

Once at the show, there was a strong turnout, and a good assortment of bikes to be seen. Both in the show, and in the motorcycle parking areas on either side of the show. There was a super clean featherbed cafe racer Norton in the show, but the real Norton show was ridden there by our club!

The swap meet section was fairly limited and mostly Japanese or HD, but there were a few good Brit bits about. One of note was a square barrel 441 Victor nearly all there project for sale. There were also some good Whitworth tool deals.

Fun Fact: Engine #126.125 The First Commando Feb'68 Silver tank and side panels and frame, Orange seat with the green round sticker in tank.

Hannah Jorgenson recovering and her Grand Ma, also recovering. Both have had broken bones

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Update on Hannah Jorgenson by Garwood Jorgenson

Hello to all of the NCNOC members and thanks to the many people who have express concern over Hannah's condition.

For those of you who don't know, Hannah was hit by a car while crossing the street in the San Fernando Valley on July 16th. She suffered a pretty bad break of the bones in her right lower leg, but other than that and some road rash, she was otherwise uninjured.

Hannah was in the hospital for a week and the prognosis for her recovery is still not clear. The doctor said she might need more surgery (bone graft) or might not. Only time will tell how well the bones knit together on their own. They told her to expect 3 to 9 months for a recovery time.

After we got Hannah out of the hospital, she went to stay with her grandparents in Ventura, California. Things went well there for a day and a half until her grandmother fell and broke her hip. So Grandma was in the hospital for three weeks while Hannah took up space at the house.

Hannah stayed at the house in Ventura until she was well enough to go to a friend's house in Southern California on August 14th. Grandma came home on the 16th. Louise and I had been staying in Ventura to look after Hannah but we left on the 14th also and are now back in Buffalo. Hannah will be flying up here early next month to complete her recuperation here. She had been planning on attending the University of Minnesota this fall but that now is put off until at least spring.

So, things are moving along. Hannah is improving almost daily and Grandma is doing pretty well also! Thanks again for all of your concern and attention. Hannah still feels like an NCNOC member even though she is now 30 years old and her life has mostly precluded her involvement in Norton activities. She still enjoys seeing all of you, like at the Rally last year. Perhaps we will get her to some function next summer since she may have time on her hands.

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Where have all the Norton gone, long time passing?

By SportsterDiana

I was looking forward to riding my P11 to the rally since leaving last year's Rally, but I missed it for an 8,500 mile ride on my Sportster.

In all those miles I only saw one Norton, in Idaho. Our bikes though not rare in California, are in other states often a great starter for conversations with others when we stop.



Nothing attracts attention like seeing vintage bikes not in a truck or on a trailer, but on the road, at a gas station or parked at a cafe.

What a great way to bring people to the club, show them Norton are still ridden,

then give them a NCNOC card when they start talking to you!

NCNOC Wins Big at INOA Rally in Oregon

The NCNOC was named 2014 Chapter of Year by the INOA, the clubs over the top involvement in the Oregon Rally and last year's Buffalo Rally show why the NCNOC is the Top Chapter in the INOA. The clubs enthusiastic membership is always ready to help, ride and be examples of the Vintage Norton Spirit. The engraved glass award will sit atop the desk of Club President and chief perpetuator of enthusiastic involvement, Ken Armann, owner and proprietor of Ken Armann's British Motorcycle Repair and Restoration Services in Campbell Ca.

The NCNOC was also called to the podium for member Margie Segal winner of the Longest Distance Ridden by a Female on a Norton award; Margie had ridden her Commando from the San Francisco Bay Area to the Oregon Rally. Congrats to Margie!

Cover picture in Ken Armann just after receiving the award, Showing it off and holding it proudly for the photo moment.

Thoughts On the Dardenelles Weekend

By David Bright

You CANNOT possibly have a nicer 3-day ride that is more fun for less money than the Dardenelles, actually, you can leave the Money out of it. The Old Kids from the Northern California Norton Owners Club are Good Riders, that have slowed down a bit, World-Class Bull-Shitters, that haven't lost their edge, and are happy people to be around. To be in the presence of so many B.S.-pros is truly humbling. I spent a total of \$120 on the weekend. That included gas, food, bottle of wine, banquet donation and shared tent-site.

SR 108 (Sonora Pass Road) is a road that simply MUST be ridden a LEAST once a year to keep your riding credentials current. Sonora Pass has at least 5 un-forewarned hair-pin corners, sand, gravel, and tar-snakes (to keep you honest). Monitor Pass Rd (SR 89) is also Fantastic, but much cleaner and more civilized. I rode both Passes Three times in getting to Dardenelles and on the Club's Customary Saturday Ride.

I left Colfax Friday, leaving at 10 am. I rode to Placerville, then headed out Cedar Ravine Rd, up Pleasant Valley Rd to Sly Park Res, and the Mormon Immigrant Trail. I had the Karma-Enhancing Experience of helping a Harley rider extricate his bike from a shallow ditch beside Pleasant Valley Rd. Two nice women were trying to help him, but an 18 inch 4X4 between his tires wasn't going to let it happen. I tossed the 4X4, then he and I pushed it out. I made it over Carson Pass and to Markleeville for a 1/2 Sandwich, then headed over Monitor Pass to 395. Clouds threatened, but no rain. I turned on 108, drove over Sonora Pass, and made Dardenelle by 3:30. I got my Campsite set up between Leo and Rob's Tents.... sort of questionable as to who's campsite I was sharing. Went to the store, bought some wine, called Caren (to tell her I made it), and spent the rest of the evening Grazing on food that was laying around and trying to establish some Cred as a Bull-Shitter.

I was pleased to exchange some Bovine Excrement with Jerry G, Jerry K, Tom, Alan, Harry, Linda, Eric, Ray, Dave C, and Dave ? They all sympathized with my measly 12,000 mile riding in the last two months. Linda is an Ex-Girlfriend of our very-own Johnny C ! She got popped in Austria for smuggling hash and spent 2 years in Jail there (my kind of gal.... speaks good German) !

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DB's Dardenells Cont.

Linda rode a red K100. I got to bed early about 10 pm . I figured they could get by without me around the fire-ring. Liz and Carol rode in on their Older BMWs an R80GS and another K100 , about the time I hit my sleeping bag.

Saturday morning, I hit the Rustic Resort Restaurant when it opened at 0730. Good bacon & eggs, toast, OJ, and lousy coffee for \$15 with Tip. Most-all of the Club had their own breakfasts going at their camps, but allowed me to come by and do some morning BS Exercises after my constitutional.

About 15 bikes let out for Sonora Pass at 10:15, a few guys didn't ride for various reasons We did our usual Photo-Op at the Pass, then went down to 395, and headed for Markleeville with two more stops one at Walker for Gas, and then Monitor Pass. At 395, Leo and I traded rides, which allowed me the pleasure of riding his very well-sorted Mk3 Commando... it sated my nagging Norton itch and gave Leo a chance to see what my GS was like. We rode each other's bikes all the way over Monitor Pass and on to Markleeville...it was a treat ! I rode Leo's Commando as fast as I dared, with Leo behind me but not very far. I like the group's riding style... the basic " Bats-out-of-hell " formation. There wasn't much racing or passing that I noticed, but then I wasn't paying very much attention. We all had lunch outside at the Sandwich Place and headed back into ominous clouds, with only a few sprinkles.

Leo was frisky heading back on his bike, but I eventually I relaxed and rode a mellow pace with Alan and Don. I lost them when I stopped to top-off the GS at Walker. I rode pretty-much by myself back over the Sonora Pass. I caught a few more sprinkles on 395 and a FLASH of lightning in my right eye and a simultaneous BOOM....I almost jumped off the bike ! I did a little Crucifix-thingy over my heart with my left hand and rode over Sonora pass and back to Camp. By the time I called Caren and BS-ed with a Rogue BMW-guy by the Resort Store, it was 5 pm and the Banquet was well under way. BBQ-ed chicken, some trout that Kenny had caught one, a two-footer! Corn-on-the-cobb, potato salad, mac-salad, reggae salad, beans, sausage, beer, wine, and " what-ever "... until a little after mid-night. It was BS Over-load !

Sunday, I got up, had breakfast at the Rustic Restaurant with a few of the Club guys and Dolls, broke camp, said my good-byes, and headed back to Colfax. I rode down 108 towards Sonora, Pealed-off at Middle Camp Rd, then Big Hill, Parrot's Ferry, Hwy 4 to Murphy, Sheep Ranch, Rail-Road Flat, 26 to 88, Volcano, Hale Rd, Mt Aukum, Somerset, and Placerville. I saw some of the Sandhill fire-damage, but stayed off Sandhill Rd. Gassed in Placerville which was a friggin' Mad-house, and on to home by 4 pm. 600 excellent miles in three days ! I got some ideas for an over-night ride to Sonora this winter. Actually, did something like it with Kim P a year or two ago. Sorry, no pictures (to protect the guilty).