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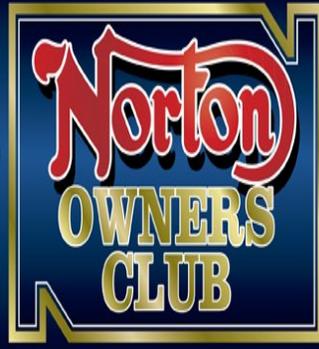


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**Applicants Signature and date (required)**

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Join our club Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorCalNOC/>

\*The NCNOC is associated with both the NOC and the INOA You can join the INOA and the NOC from our website at [Nortonclub.com](http://Nortonclub.com)

**Member Information:**

**Norton Notice;** your club newsletter is a bi-monthly publication and is available in full color printable PDF form on line at your club website Nortonclub.com see "Norton Notice".

**Norton Notice submissions and articles;** All members are encouraged to write about your Norton, motorcycle riding or mechanical experiences. Please submit via E mail, pictures (Jpeg format) and tidbits are welcome. All submission subject to edit for space or content. Send to loringuy@yahoo. Or from your Club Website : Editors

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**2015 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.**

**Sun, September 06: Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup** (cancelled see Sept 20)

**Thurs, September 10: Monthly Meeting, Swinging Door,**

Sat-Sun, September 12-13: Highland Games, Alameda

**Sun, September 13: *The Delta Ride on Sept 13* will start at the Carl's Jr. 915 Main Street, Oakley, Ca at 10am We will wind around the delta roads, it will be great weather and really fun roads. Lunch will be at Maya's Trading Company 14133 Market Street in Walnut Grove ride leader is David Crader**

**Sun: September 20: Adopt a Highway Clean –Up, Alice's at hwy 35@84 "the corners"** (re-scheduled from Sept6) **10Am start time:**

Sat, October 03: Gold Country Curmudgeons' Girder Fork Ride ;

**Sun, October 04: AGM Ride & BBQ, Los Gatos Creek Park (elect New Club officers, club meeting and Pot Luck lunch) Information on ride start will be on website and yahoo group TBA. Pot Luck lunch, contact Ken Armann for details and entrees needed.**

Thurs-Sun, October 08-11: Classic Motorcycle Club Rally and bike show SLO

Sun, October 11: Watsonville Car Show & Fly-in, Watsonville

**Fri-Sun, : IMS DISPLAY @ Sacramento** (club participation undecided)

Sun, November 01: Sacramento Swap meet AMCA event

Sat, November 07: BSAOCNC All-British Ride, Novato:

Sun, November 08: SCNOC 34th annual Hansen Dam Ride:

**—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 :

Our summer is winding down quickly and the days are getting shorter all the time, we should make a push to get a good turnout for our next rides.

We are, as a club, going to be focusing on the rally next year and need you to go out and find members (old and new) to come out of the wood work and give us a hand. Quincy will be upon us before you know it.

We need to decide if we want to participate in the IMS show this year, should we be invited, it will be at Sacramento not San Mateo so think about if you are interested in helping out and let Lorin and Kathryn know.

**Our Norton Notice Editors** have recently changed his residence and moved just down the road from my shop so I can irritate him more easily. They will have a lot to do with getting settled so any help with articles to fill in the Notice would be greatly appreciated (maybe someone can give a review of the Dardanelle rides).

I would like to find another venue for our San Jose area meeting if anyone has a suggestion please bring it up, looking for a space with a separate meeting room that will accommodate about 30 with easy parking and not too noisy.

**Remember the AGM** is coming soon Time for NEW officers.. Year has gone fast.. Pot Luck, so send me your entrée' ideas so can log them

Thanks to you all for your support and hoping you are well.

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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:

**North Texas Norton Owners' Lake o' the Pines Rally**  
October 1-3, 2015 Lake o' the Pines, TX.

**Turn Six at Barber Vintage Festival 2015**  
Saturday, October 10, 2015  
6030 Barber Motorsports Parkway, Leeds, AL

### Coming events in the NOC:

**Gloucester Branch at The Shelsley Walsh Bike Festival**  
Gloucester Branch will represent the NOC with a display at this event which also features a hill climb **Sep 13, 2015** from 08:30 AM to 05:00 PM Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP

Gloucester Branch is organizing a display at this event again. The event is run for charity on behalf of the Severn Freewheelers (National Association of Blood Bikes) so all proceeds go to this worthy cause. If you would like to come along, if only just to watch, you will made welcome.

**You can join the NOC at:**  
[www.nortonownersclub.org/membership](http://www.nortonownersclub.org/membership)

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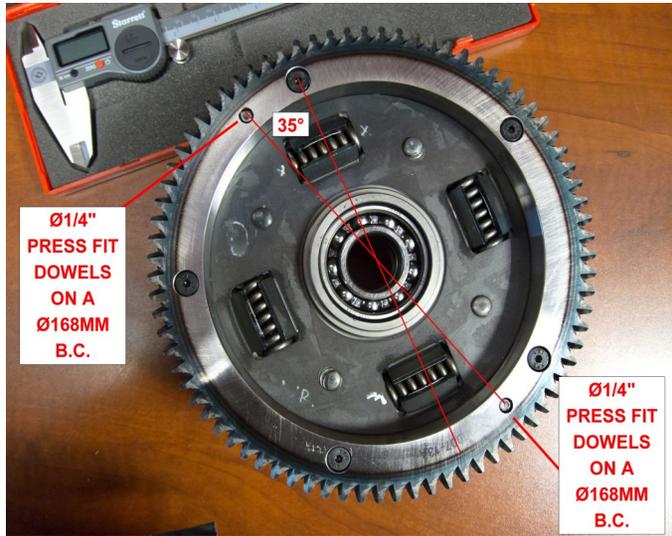
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**Norton 961 Tech information becoming available:**

Member John Coffman, one of the first NCNOC members to buy one of the NEW 961 Commandos has been on a quest to gain as much information about this amazing bike as he can. Now the club's 961 expert John has contacted the authors of these PDF's outlining some of the procedures and tech info concerning the 961. John claims it's been difficult to gain helpful information from the Norton dealers, but the website "access Norton" is the key. John adds, "I've asked and received permission for these to be used by the NCNOC."



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**.2015 Dardanelle review: Ken Armann**

The Dardanelle campout Aug 11-16, was wonderful as usual this year. The thirty of us that attended had really excellent weather and roads all to ourselves, not so hot as in the past couple of years so that was swell.

The fishing was not so good with the drought going on and yours truly only catching small fish there was no appetizers with the ribs and chicken dinner. I might have a new fishing buddy as Isabel (new members Michael Singer and family from Boston) got a chance to try her luck. Stick and rock fish were all that we seemed to attract but she had a good time.

Thanks to Harry and all the helpers (like my wife and Claudia) for making it all come together and to Michael for doing the cooking duties.

Thanks to Alan for making a tech session out of making Angel's headlight work and replacing Bill's clutch cable (still wonder where the pivot bolt went. I had a fun ride down the hill Saturday night with no moon and an almost useless headlight (need to work on getting an LED version for those who ride at night) IT WAS REALLY DARK!!!!

Hopefully we will have a wet winter and more will make plans to come and join us next year.

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## 2015 July 13-17 INOA Rally Summary Asheville, North Carolina : Harry Bunting

I went to the July 2015 INOA rally in Asheville, North Carolina to check out how this rally was organized because The NCNOC is hosting the 2016 International Norton Owners Association (INOA) rally in Quincy, CA. July 11-16. At the end of the INOA rally, I made a 325 mile side trip to the "Barber Motorsports museum" in Birmingham, AL which I highly recommend to all motorcycle enthusiasts.

The 2015 INOA rally at the Asheville, North Carolina KOA had the highest INOA rally attendance ever, over 500 people!

The rally was hosted by the Atlanta, Georgia Norton Owners Club and it appeared they had full support of their entire club members club in every activity.

I would consider this an "East Coast" Norton rally because the majority of attendees came from the east coast but there were people from eastern Canada, England(Chris Grimmatt), Mexico(Art Bone & Gringo Doug) and 9 of us from the NCNOC including Pat & Leo Christianson, Jerry & Joni Kaplan, Ron Bastiaans, Charlie Brookman w Regina Burke, Garwood Jorgenson and me. Also, my friend and former member of the NCNOC Grover and Jackie Buhr showed up for the Concours.

The Asheville, NC KOA is large and beautiful with lakes, streams, cabins, many trees, lots of camping spaces with full RV hookups and is located about 10 miles east of Asheville on a frontage road off Highway 40. Asheville and nearby Black Mountain, are both considered tourist destinations in western North Carolina with many restaurants, shops, rivers and of course the Blue Ridge Mountains. Although there were a number of backroads that would get you to various destinations, the freeway was usually the quickest way to go west and get into the Blue Ridge Parkway and Mountains west of Asheville including "Wheels Through Time" museum which was the rally main ride.

Monday July 13th was the 1st day of the rally and it rained Monday night and all day Tuesday which put a damper on one of their main rides. Average temperature was ~85+, 70%+ humidity.

The INOA called me an "Industrial Spy" for swarming around the Atlanta NOC chapter coordination activities, but everyone was helpful.

Long time member and past President Harry Bunting and Isabel G attended the 2015 NC INOA rally,. Harry is also the 2016 NCNOC / INOA rally chair person.



By: Marc Potter @ Bike Social

Norton has revealed exclusive details of its 200bhp, 1200cc V4-powered sports bike and released exclusive official design drawings to Bike Social.

We spoke to Norton's Head of Design, Simon Skinner, to get the full inside story where he reveals: The bike will see 200bhp, it's a V4-powered bike which will be built to rival a Ducati Panigale. The new V4 will take design inspiration from great British manufacturers like Aston Martin.

The new bike, yet to be named, but will take learnings from the TT race bikes, feature an all-new V4 engine developed by Ricardo Motorcycles. It will be a premium sports bike aimed directly at bikes like Ducati's and MV, Honda and others, with new versions of the bike set to follow in future years.

The V4 project has been in the minds of Norton boss Stuart Garner and Norton's Head of Design, Simon Skinner since the new Norton was reborn in 2008. The reborn Norton brand started rolling bikes of its production line in 2010.

But it's only now with the business in good shape, an academy for apprentices in place and a £7.5million investment in the future, including a £4million Government grant, that Norton can now finally turn their V4 dreams into reality.



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## Editors Chair:

We guess by now many of you have heard Kathryn and I have moved again. The new address for mailing is on the New Norton Notice.

We want to thank all the club members who came to help with the move, Wow it was soo great to see all of you and the help was amazing, also to all those who stored some of the "Club Stuff" during the move, huge help, Thank you.

**Please note:** the AGM (Annual General Meeting) is coming in October and it's time to elect NEW club officers, with new officers the club moves forward, time to step up put in some time to help make the club strong ! Think about it for yourself or about someone else who might make a good of-ficer...it's easy to nominate!

**As you can see** in this issues Harry has a lot to say about his amazing trip to the INOA Rally... the word Rally conjures up all kinds of emotion and thoughts, add International Rally and it becomes even more mind boggling. Canadians and Europeans expect a bit more from their rally experience especially if they have to travel thousands of miles to get there.

**NOW** is the time to reflect upon all your past rally experiences, as a club member listing your likes, surprises and dislikes, can help enhance the rally experience and give the planners and your club Board, some helpful insight into setting forth a list of needs, wants and should haves, let's get it all out in the open, this event can only be as good as we are willing to make it and looking at it from dozens of pairs of eyes is extremely helpful. Send your thoughts and ideas to Harry (see page 2 for contact information)

**The Coming Winter** is supposed to be very very wet so please GET out and RIDE now that you have great weather, we have some very fun rides coming up before the end of the year. Tune up and Turn out ! Remember please **AGATT** always ( **All Gear All The Time**) BE SAFE .

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## Continued: INOA Rally Summary

Here is what I saw and some of my recommendations for our 2016 INOA Quincy rally:

1) Rally cost - \$100, camping was extra and at KOA rates.

1) Rally pack/wrist bands - Hagerty Insurance Bag, local maps (attractions), Cheesy Fan, Neck cooler, rally booklet(simple easy to read events, maps very hard to read), large rally pin (people liked their large rally pin). The rally goodie pack was adequate.

They had wrist bands for all registered rally participants, and a different color wrist band for main group ride lunch. Cars/RVs had a required dash/mirror paper pass. These provided excellent control of registered rally participants. However, I never saw anyone check wrist bands or car passes!

There was some issue about non-registered vehicles entering the KOA and a deputy was called but it was low key.

2) Tee Shirts - Sold out on Sunday, lots of 2x+ left over and they had women's shirts(sold out these too). Some very unhappy people didn't get shirts on Monday. I did not get a rally shirt. Their rally committee went from onsite printing to ordering shirts when they found out how little money they would get from onsite shirt printing. They offered shirts for sale after the rally was over which could have been avoided.

We will include ordering shirts w sizes during Pre-Reg on the rally website and have more at the sign-in booth. Other clubs sold their T-shirts and paraphernalia at the rally, *we should too.*

3) Breakfasts - \$4 everyday including coffee by KOA. Well attended. Breakfast food truck would be good at our rally and there are a few good breakfast joints in Quincy and not to far away. (*maybe local Boy Scouts, 4H or Girls scouts can cook breakfast for a Fund Rasier*)

4) Lunches - KOA had some limited food, beer, wine, you were on your own except for Thursday main group ride to "Wheels Through Time".

5) Dinners - 1st Dinner Monday night hosted/funded by an NOC member family, included hotdog/bun, beans, coleslaw, tea, water. Everybody liked this because they didn't have to immediately find a restaurant the 1st night. Ice Cream Social - everybody liked it.

## Rally Report Cont.

**Tuesday and Thursday** - Food Truck(s) Excellent Food, no long lines everybody liked it, many choices.

**Wednesday** - On your own, there were many good restaurants around Asheville, NC, especially Black Mountain.

**Friday** - Final Dinner, appeared to be hosted by KOA with "donated" food, don't know the cost. Dinner included pulled pork, small salad, beans, roll, cookie, water, iced tea. Dinner seemed a little skimpy. Their members setup all the table coverings and center pieces, it looked great.

6) Speakers/Tech Sessions - This is where Atlanta NOC chapter excelled! They had a very good Barny Fife impersonator (Andy Griffith Show), with John Favill (Norton Engineer) and Dave Aldana (Norton Motorcycle Racer) as formal speakers. Brian Slark was there but did not formally speak. Leo Goff was also at the rally and played bass the last night. These will be tough acts to follow so we need to line up speakers or discuss alternative activities, we also need tech sessions presenters. *( be sure to invite other British makes people too)*

7) Swap meet - It had limited activity, some trading went on but very unorganized, people were primarily there for the rally activities.

8) Poker run - It was multiple days and very few people did it, we never found out who won.

9) Sound/Video/Music - They had issues with both all week, they didn't even use their large screen. There were No Movies. The NCNOC has Norton movies to keep things moving after dark. *We have lots of member technology in our club to manage equipment!*

They presented two bands for entertainment, one was Bluegrass and the other Blues. Both were well attended. The Blues Band was the very last activity of the rally and they ended playing about 10:00 PM Friday.

10) Field Events - Field events were well thought out with plenty of participants, the only problem it was right before the Wednesday group ride and spectator attendance was a little low.

11) Group rides - 1st group ride on Tuesday was rained out, 2nd group ride was 90 miles to a "Chinese restaurant"(Long way for lunch), 3rd group ride was to "Wheels Through Time" HD motorcycle museum which included Suzi Greenway's "Moment of Thunder". They had 5 possible routes for this ride to end anywhere between 11:30AM and 1:00PM with NO ride leaders. Turns out lunch was delayed until 1:00 PM which was not appreciated by early adopters, the "Moment of Thunder" did not make anyone any happier and the food line was very sloooow.

In addition, someone on this self-guided ride crashed a new 961 Norton and broke both their ankle and wrist and was still in the hospital after the rally was over. *I believe we should only have 1 ride route with ride leaders, chase vehicles similar to the Wyoming lunch ride. There are many ride options in the Quincy area, we will have ride leaders for the organized rally rides!*

## Rally Report Cont.

12) Concoors - It moved location 3 times and finally landed on a flat hard surface by the KOA entrance area and was tightly packed in so you could see all the bikes easily. There were lots of Commandos of all types, approximately 127 motorcycles, but only a few bikes that were really outstanding. Per Garwood Input: Voting was done by attendees on all categories except BEST IN SHOW. That was picked by John Favill and everyone seemed happy with that. Their Concoors organization was exceptional, *we should try to emulate it and I have the details.* Quincy Fairgrounds has plenty of area for Norton/All British Bike Concoors.

13) Trophies/Plaques/Door Prizes - 1st Place winners got exceptional handmade 3D trophies, 2nd/3rd got plaques. I even got their 1st place trophy picture under duress! *Garwood pointed out the following: "This was one of those rallies where they had a "door prize board" at the sign-up table and those who won door prizes were posted there.* There were quite a few. Heck, even I won one.

The nicer (read "expensive") prizes were what were given out at the banquet and there wasn't a lot of those."

14) NCNOC Quincy Rally Speech - I presented the NCNOC 2016 Quincy Rally at the Friday night dinner in front of 500+ people and handed out about 30 Posters and it went well. *It won't be easy to get the "East Coast" people to travel to CA . We can advertise early, setup pre-reg and hope they will come out to CA in 2016. For sure, this will be a "West Coast" Rally.*

## SUMMARY

The Atlanta NOC chapter put on a well-organized INOA rally and everybody seemed to enjoy it. They succeeded because they planned well and had full member participation. We are all pretty familiar with the "standard" things done at INOA rallies and the NCNOC has the talent from putting on previous INOA rallies. We will do our best to get great looking rally t-shirts, pins, food, door prizes, awards, and, we also have the California Sierra Mountains with some of the best riding in the world.

So, our challenge will be to put this all together with some entertaining speakers, tech sessions, great rides and a potential performance event right at the Quincy Fairgrounds.

There is also the famous "Western Pacific" railroad museum in Portola and a "Mining Museum" nearby and we have planned rides to these attractions as well as rides in the famous Feather River Canyon.

Gary Vogt from Quincy has provided valuable rally info, and others have signed up to contribute time and effort so thanks for all your support. I am putting together a detailed 2016 INOA Norton rally plan/budget, the 2016 INOA pre-reg bank account is set up and information is already available for the INOA website.

Regards,  
Harry Bunting - 2016 INOA Rally Chairman