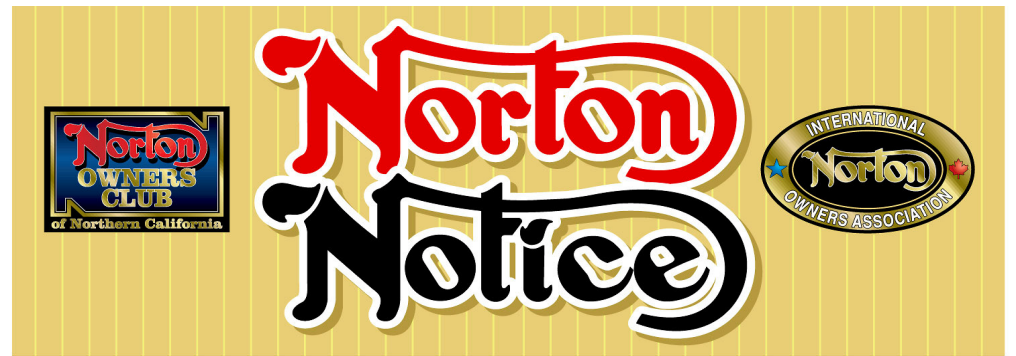


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## Norton Club displays at the inaugural Motorcycle Gathering at Quail Lodge





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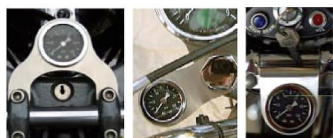
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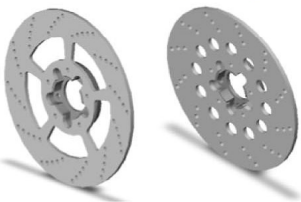


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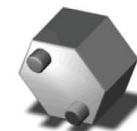
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**May 31 (Sun) Adopt-a-Highway Clean up Meet at Alice's Restaurant (Skyline and SR-84 in Skylonda); 10am start time**

**June 11 (Thurs) Meeting @ The Liberties Address: 998 Guerrero St San Francisco, CA 8pm start time.**

**June 14 North Coast RIDE Meet at the Morrison's home in San Francisco for a light breakfast, then ride to the top of Mt. Tam and on to lunch at Pelican Inn in Muir Beach. Ride leader is Terry Morrison. Terry and Donna Morrison's Address: 2523 Gough St San Francisco, CA; 10am start time**

**June 21 (Sun) Art and Lynda Sirotas, Back Yard BBQ and ride, see web for details**

**June 28 (Sun) Soquel Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap, Capitola Mall parking lot, 9-4**

**June 28-29-30 Moto Melee, San Francisco Start.12th annual**

**July 09 (Thur) Meeting @ Harry's Hofbrau in San Jose, 390 Saratoga Ave San Jose, CA 95129; 8pm start time**

**July 11-12 (Fri and Sat) Cambria Ride Held with the Southern California Norton Club. Ride leader Harry Bunting**

**July 13 (Sun) Alternate Ride Hobee's in Los Gatos, 165 Los Gatos Saratoga Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95030. Meet in Los Gatos and ride to San Juan Bautista for lunch, then on to Fremont Peak. Ride leader is Harry Bunting; 10am start time**

**August 7-8-9 (Fri,Sat,Sun) Dardanelle Resort, Highway 108 Dardanelle, CA see website for details**

**August 13(Thurs) Meeting @ Harry's Hofbrau in San Jose, 390 Saratoga Ave, San Jose, CA 95129; 8pm start time**

**August 30 (Sun) Adopt-a-Highway Clean up Meet at Alice's Restaurant (Skyline and SR-84 in Skylonda); 10am start time**

**September 10 (Thurs) Meeting @ Liberties Address:998 Guerrero Street @ 22nd St. San Francisco, CA; 8pm start time**

**September 13(Sun) Napa Ride Starts at Cordelia Junction and meet Sacramento members at Muscowite Corner (note: no gas available at Muscowite Corner). See website for updates, information and ride leader**

## MINUTES OF NCNOC MEETING April 2009

Meeting Minutes Harry's Haufbrau, San Jose

12 members present, including one wet Keith Karn who rode in the rain.

President Harry Bunting announced that at the recent Clubman's Show that there were 11 or 12 new members signed up.

It was noted that some members had not received the last mailed issue of the Notice. Harry explained that with the change of Treasurers the files have gotten mixed up but that the situation is being worked on.

It was noted that on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April was to be another "Bring out your Dead" day at Ken Armann's Shop. Ken was thanked in advance, as he was not at the meeting. It seems that he had fallen into a bucket of stink and had come up with some Sharks play-off tickets.

The Best Norton at the Clubman's show was said to have been given to Don Harrell.

The June North Bay Ride will meet on June 14 at Terry and Donna's house in San Francisco for a continental breakfast prior to the ride into Marin County. The lunch stop will be at an English Pub and will cost \$21.00 for a full brunch menu.

Remember that there will be the Annual North-South ride in conjunction with the Southern California Club, starting in Cambria. This is held over the July 11-12 weekend.

Word was passed around that this year's meet/swap meet at Hanford will May 16 with Don Harrell's British bike part being be on May 15. Don said this maybe his last one.

The Capitola-Soquel show will be held at the Capitola Mall this year on June 28th.

Art Sirota is hosting an open house and ride on 6/21. see the website for details

He really liked the 441 which was nice since up until now the poor thing had been constantly upstaged by Ken's Mercury.... Though I think Ken is about ready to get a Tshirt that say "It's not an Atlas!".

There was a LOT more traffic on the way back and in the twisties we ended up stuck behind a line of slow moving cars. Just as we were climbing out of the prettiest part of the ride back to Flagstaff my BSA died. It had hit reserve while going up hill slowly following cars and so came to a stop too quickly for me to flip it to reserve. I pulled her next to the guard rail, flipped onto reserve and fired her back up. We had 17 miles to go and I doubted we'd make it, but I hoped it would be a better location when I ran completely out of gas. It was. When shaking gas from the other side of the tank would no longer work I coasted up to a nice wide spot on the shoulder with shade and plenty of empty beer cans to choose from. In just a couple of minutes we had drained 10oz from Ken's Mercury, poured it into the Victor and were back on the road. The time on the bikes was about 2.5 hours and 99 miles.

It was 2:30 in the afternoon when we got back to the Motel. Ken called Cindy and then we talked about what to do for a while. By 3pm we had talked ourselves into just heading home. By 3:30 we had our bikes and gear back in the truck and were heading west. It was 2:30am Sunday morning when I pulled back into my driveway. We were gone for 44hr & 40min, 23hr & 10min of it driving the truck 1428 miles.

### Back Yard BBQ & Ride with Art and Lynda:

Boarding upon a tradition the Sirota's are again having their "Back Yard BBQ & Ride", set for Sunday June 21, 2009, Ride start at 601 Harrison Ave, in Redwood City, about 9am ride leaves at 10am, maps available.

Ride/tour arrive at A&A racing to see the bike collection @ 11:30 led by owner Ray Abrams. Ride back to Harrison Ave. for a BBQ for info call Art or Lynda at 650-363-9277 Open to all NCNOC, BSAOWNC and VOC club members.



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They both took a few kicks to get started but then ran fine even though we were at 7,000 feet. The ride down is geographically divided into two parts, a scenic canyon ride from Flagstaff to Sedona, and open plains across the Painted Desert. It's an amazing ride and makes all the hours in the truck worth while.

When we got to show it wasn't open so we rode over to Sonic for breakfast and to kill some time. On the gates to the fair grounds there was a "No Weapons" sign. We didn't think they would care about my Buck knife but we hid it in Ken's tool kit just in case.

When we got back to the show they were letting people in, we paid and rode through without getting a second look from security.

We parked up front and as we got off our bikes Jason from Flyrite Choppers rode past on the twin engine Norton. Ken quickly made friends with the couple selling Triumph bits by where we parked and we hid our gear in the shade of their trailer. The 'chop off' bikes were in the same place they always are so it didn't take long to find Jason and his twin engine Norton. Ken and Jason seemed to have a great time talking about building the motors and the bike

As we walked through the show we saw the owner of a chopped A65 BSA looking for his key. Ken and I each offered to let him try ours, but he had a custom ignition so that was a no go. Two guys that had been listening for a moment before they left the building found the key in the dirt outside and brought it back for the guy. Talk about lucky!

In the only building with AC there was a motorcycle lawyer booth. The guy working it was glad to see me walk through again since he had seen my Bay Area Sportsters patch and was moving to the bay area. He wanted to know the biker hot spots and bars. Ken told him I was the wrong person to ask and gave him Lorin's number. At Chica's display space Ken explained to Chica how Triumph 650 lower-ends are put together and what was likely wrong with the one a customer had sent him.

A young kid spotted the BSA patch on my vest and said they were great bikes. He wondered if I had one so I pointed to it out in the lot. As we walked over to it he told me he had a 50s 250 he hoped to get running soon.

There will be a Classic Bike show at the Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley on May 9. The Club will have a 10X10 booth. Admission will cost \$65.00pp and will include a sumptuous lunch.

The San Francisco Chapter of the AMCA will have their Annual swap meet in Dixon on June 20-21.

Next meeting will be at "The Swinging Door' (old Prince of Wales) in San Mateo on May 14.

Respectfully submitted; Mike Sullivan, Secretary pro tem

### **Meeting Minutes May 14, 2009 Swinging Door (old Prince of Wales),**

12 members present

1 Norton, Keith Karn

2 other makes

Harry Bunting led a discussion about the show at the Quail Lodge. It was reported that the show along with the Bonham's auction was quite successful. There was lots of room to spread out. Lorin Guy reported that it looks like the show will be held for at least the next three years. It was also reported that there is the possibility that Cycle World is interested in running the Rolling Concours in conjunction with the future shows. The date for next year's show will be May 8.

Tom Dabel discussed the up-coming Mt. Hamilton ride.

Frank Recoder reported that the museum located in Brentwood was closing and selling out.

Elizabeth Recoder, the Treasurer, reported that there was \$2,600.00 in the bank with 147 active members.

Lorin Guy reminded the members that the Highway Clean-Up was to be held on 5/31.

Harry reminded us that the following ride will be the North Bay Ride hosted by Terry and Donna Morrison on 6/14 with a continental breakfast at their house in S.F. before departure.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Sullivan, Secretary pro tem

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

May 2009 was a busy Norton Club month if you did all the activities, and I hit them all. First, there was the excellent Motorcycle gathering at the Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley. Lorin and Kathryn exceeded themselves as usual by making this a fun event for Vintage Motorcycle Clubs at no cost to clubs. This may become the West Coast premiere Vintage Motorcycle Concours and Auction so plan on attending next year.

The following Friday was Don Harrell's Vintage Motorcycle open house BBQ party in Visalia (It was announced to be his last?), followed on Saturday by the Hanford Vintage Classic Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet and on Sunday, our Mt. Hamilton Ride led by Tom Dabel with a stop at his house for breakfast.

In June, Donna and Terry Morrison will host our club for a North Bay ride to Pelican Inn in Muir Beach. Also in June, there is the National Motorcycle Swap Meet in Dixon, Ca. and Art Sirota's party.

July brings us to the Cambria ride, Vapor Lock rally in Torrey, Utah and the INOA rally in Mancos, Colorado. Check the Norton Club website calendar for more details.

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**The Annual Camp Out:**

I have confirmed with the Dardanelles we have 3 campsites for the August 7-9 Weekend. NCNOC is providing dinner Saturday Night. Check out our calendar because they have a new website and phone number.

**The AGM and Ride**

It seems that San Mateo County has tripled the cost of "Huckleberry Flats" for picnics. The cost has risen to \$225. For our annual "All Group Meeting (AGM)" we will be looking for a new location, we'll keep you posted.

Harry Bunting

Ken Armann inspecting his twin engine handiwork Ken built the engine for this bad mamajammer, seen here racing at Arizona's Smoke



**Where the Choppers Roam By SportsterDiana**

The Horse moved the Smoke Out West IV from Oct to May making it more of a kickoff for the Smoke Out X. Half jokingly I invited Ken, but riding three 500+ mile days to see choppers didn't sound like much fun to him....Until he found out the twin engine Norton of Flyrite Choppers with the two motors he had done was going to be there.

Since we had loaded the bikes the day before it was easy enough to finish loading and hit the road by 5:50am Friday. When Ken got in the truck I handed him the latest issue of The Horse (#88) that had just come two days before. It took Ken less than three minutes to find his name mentioned on page 101. It was 6pm when we checked into the Motel 6 in Flagstaff AZ.

We got up early and unloaded the bikes. Ken discovered our first and only causality of the trip, his trip meter reset knob had vibrated out somewhere along the way. It was already warm so we ate some of the snacks we had in the ice chest, grabbed our gear and headed for the bikes.

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## Bikers take over the Fairgrounds, Cont.

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Mike also laid out the frame and exhaust bits, cutting and fitting them until they were just right, then having a friend do the welding. When he was building the bike, word of it spread and he had lots of offer of help with it. Now, 23 years later the only thing that has been changed on the bike was the primary belt that ties the two motors together.

For the other end of the custom spectrum one need only walk over to the Asian show. Mixed in with vintage bikes that date back to the thirties, clean restorations, daily riders and one mile only trailer queens was Fred Fortune's CT90 Dark. This tiny customized 90cc Honda was completed just weeks before the show. Missing the CT110 he had built before, then sold for another project, Fred decided to do it all again. Unlike the last one, this time Fred wanted his CT to be one of a kind when done. Professional powder coating in both gloss and flat black, parkerizing, polished aluminum, stainless steel and chrome all came together to bring Fred's vision to life. Rumor has it Fred is planning a one of a kind Sportster to be displayed at the American Vintage show that will be added to the 2010 Clubman weekend.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual European show was a bit subdued compared to the first one. There was a good showing of bikes from several countries and decades, but vendors were in short supply, perhaps another sign of hard economic times. Those present that did have money were able to take advantage at the swap meets all three shows had going on.

This is the Four X Four Owned by Mike Logsdon. Quite a piece of machinery to see and hear.



NORE: he rode it on the morning after ride!

## Keith's Ride Reports

MT. Hamilton Ride 5/17/09

Did I mention it was HOT! Well, after riding to Visalia, Hanford and back to Oakland, Friday and Saturday, I figured Tom and Liz's ride over MT. Hamilton would be a piece of cake. Got up fairly early (for me) Sunday morning and thought, hmm, a tad warm already. I jumped on the trusty MKIII and headed to Linda Flores Ave. When I arrived 50 minutes later, the street was full of Nortons and a few lesser brands as well. The bountiful spread of coffeecakes, donuts and coffee was being consumed at a rapid pace. Before making the usual pig of myself, I borrowed 2 5/8 wrenches from Tom so I could tighten up the loose side stand bolt and nut on my scoot. Done it many times before and this worked as planned, but I may listen to Alan G's advice and go for a grade 8 bolt and castle nut. The NyLoc just doesn't stay tight.

Right at the stroke of 10:30 all 13 of us (8 Norton's) kicked/started our stunning steeds to life much to the neighbor's delight. Up we rode to the summit of Mt. Hamilton, somewhat slowed a few times by traffic but enjoyable none the less. Some rocks, swarf and ruts but nothing scary. We took a break at the observatory parking lot and stayed in the shade and drank water and BS'd.

The heat was building up so I suggested we hit the road for the Junction. As we descended the East Side of the mountain it was increasingly clear that the HEAT was already in the valley. Lower and lower and hotter and hotter we went. The road was in great fettle and clear and free of tar snakes and offal. But it kept getting HOTTER. Not far down the hill our favorite French person passed me and I managed to almost keep him in sight.

Arriving at the Junction I thought this is HOT, but I forgot this is also 1500' up. Various lunches were consumed by various people, a lot of whom stayed inside, not I. I prefer the outdoors where people can't escape from my unsolicited dialogue.

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**Keith's Ride Report , cont.**

I decided to head back to Oakland about 12:45 and was accompanied by Steve and his new Rocket III. A truly good looking, BIG bike. Quite agile in the hands of an experienced rider such as he. BUT as we head north and down in elevation towards Livermore the HEAT really came UP!! The weather channel said it was 103F Sunday in Livermore and I believe it!

So after all the twisties on the Mines road, we took the shortcuts through town to highway 84 and over to Sunol. Steve split off for home and I took a break at the little store by the water temple. Somewhat refreshed I rode down Niles canyon, beeping for Duncan's light pole and up Palomares and onto 580 and home.

Got here about 3pm and laid on the bed with Kody, my 12 year old Australian Shepherd, waiting for things to cool off a bit before our daily walk.

Once again I'd like to thank Liz and Tom for their gracious hosting and ride leadership. And thanks again to everyone for showing up, especially El Presidente Harrisimo on his Viva or Riva or whatever that scooter is!

Your Humble Servant, Keith as in Karn



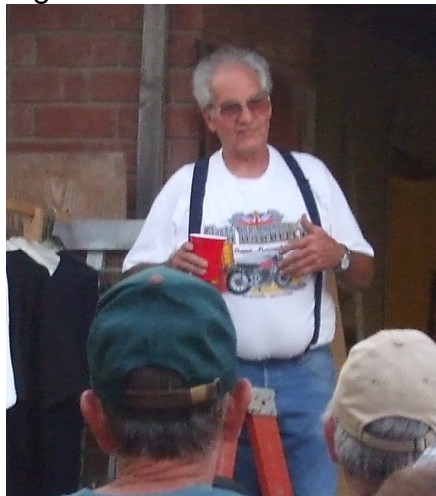
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**Bikers take over the Fairgrounds**

**By Sportster Diana**

No live stock shows on the last Saturday of March, but lots of shows and horse power. The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Clubman all British motorcycle show put on by the BSA owners club of northern California is starting to draw not only spectators, its also drawing other shows to the Santa Clara County fair grounds each March. This year visitors could also attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual European motorcycle show and a new free Asian motorcycle & scooter show. As if three shows were not enough, The Over the Hill Gang had motocross races running on the dirt during the day, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual San Jose Legends Event AMA Pro-indoor short track racing at night. Everyone should see indoor short track racing at least one time life. It makes NASCAR look like a small town 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

At the Clubman show Ariel was the featured marquee. With 82 bikes present from singles and twins to the famous Square Fours it was the largest collection of Ariel motorcycles anyone present had ever seen. This meant that Ariel's of all types and conditions were there, not just the show quality bikes normally seen. From a Square Four with side car for two to scramblers and bazaar small boxy enclosed models the full range of Ariel was on display. The Vintage Triumph Riders Group, while not the featured marquee could not let the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bonneville go by without mention. Their display featured bikes showing every major change in the Bonneville from a first year 1959 to a brand new 2009. Lorin Guy with his hand held sound system gave a complete history presentation explaining the differences between each model.

Perhaps the most unusual bike was one called Two by Four. This twin engine bike boasted two Square Four motors giving it eight cylinders and 2000cc. The owner, Mike Logsdon, built the bike back in 1986.

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