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2010 AGM : Club bikes and riders gather at the October 3 General Meeting ,ride and BBQ, Huckleberry Flat in the San Mateo County Park.



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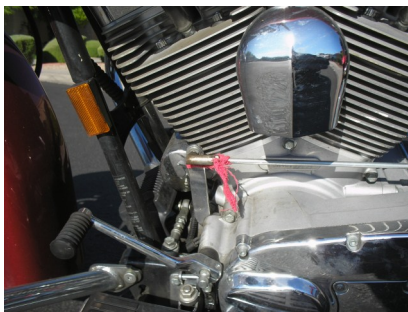
TECH TIP by SportsterDiana

Just Shy of Nowhere...channeling MacGyver

It's amazing sometimes what you can accomplish with very little. 50 miles into a 200 mile loop day ride through the AZ desert I noticed that my gear-shift linkage had broken. I pulled to the shoulder and went over my options.

The ball joint was toast and was not going to stay in place without help. Two bikes went by but didn't stop, good thing this wasn't my first dance.

I could have fixed it with tape, wire or a zip-tie but in my haste to depart I had failed to bring my tool kit so I had none of those things. Looking through the bike I found a grease rag and with a knife I cut the seam off one edge to make a string. I



tied the linkage back together though I had to be careful not to pull too tightly as I could feel the 'string' starting to rip. While I expected it to break with each shift, my repair held until I could get the new part and replace it.

Tech Tip:

Cleaning the aluminum on your Norton. If it is really badly oxidized spray WD 40 on it and let it set overnight, next day all the white oxidation should be gone and you can begin cleaning. A brass cleaning brush is handy (not the

steel one it will scratch) and some four "OOOO" steel wool. The four "O" is the finest and will not scratch the surface, you can also use this on chrome. I have been impressed with a product for polished aluminum, it's from Mother's Products and is called "Billett" (product no#05106) it comes in a 4oz bottle and is kinda pricey but worth it! Ranging from \$13.95-\$16.95 a bottle depending upon where you shop. There is a trick to using it, first you apply with a soft clean applicator cloth or pad and let set for about 5-10 minutes, upon wipe off with a separate cloth wipe thoroughly and now let set for about 5 minutes. With a soft polish cloth or micro fiber buff the area you just wiped clean. What I've found is the second buffing cause the finish to brighten up almost before your eyes, it's actually an amazing sight.

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RIDE AND EVENT DIARY:

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November 6 (Saturday) BSA Club "ALL BRITISH RIDE" The Annual All-British Ride departs from 7th Street and Grant Avenue in Novato at 10:00AM sharp. Take 101 to Atherton Ave/San Marin Dr Exit. Go west, then left on Redwood Blvd. Right on Grant Ave, then left on 7th Street. Details TBD, but likely to be similar to previous years

November 7 (Sunday) 31 st annual Hanson Dam Ride, So Cal Norton event see their website for details or call Contact Bib at 626 791-0259

November 11 (Thursday) Club Meeting Harry's Hofbrau 390 Saratoga Ave. Saratoga Ca. 8pm start.

November 28 (Sunday) Highway Clean up and Turkey Ride: starts with a Highway clean up then ride. See website for details

December 3 (Sunday) Club Holiday Party : Alan Goldwater has graciously volunteered to host the 2010 Holiday Party at his house in Santa Cruz, CA. It will be a pot luck dinner just like 2009 so bring salads, hors d'oeuvres, vegetable plates, etc. 1780 Chanticleer Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95062 or call 831-475-7505

December 12 (Sunday) Three Peaks "Freeze" Ride. Ride from San Jose up Mt. Hamilton, over to Livermore then Dublin and up to Mt Diablo, down in to Concord over the Richmond bridge to 101. Down to Mill Valley and up Mt. Tamalpais. Lunch somewhere on the route. Ride Leader keith Karn.

January 13 (Thursday) Club Meeting Harry's Hofbrau 390 Saratoga Ave. Saratoga Ca. 8pm start.

2010 schedule is made at the Holiday party so be there.

Presidents Message and Riding with Harry :

Things started to go bad for my MKIII on the "Ton Up" ride back in August. I changed its oil the previous night and got a telephone call distracting me from tightening the oil tank filler cap. At Alice's, I noticed the rear wheel was covered in oil and Phil Radford was chuckling in the background so I had been discovered. In addition to cleaning up this oily mess, the rear brake pads were soaked in oil necessitating replacement. Hopefully this will never happen to you, but you should replace your brake shoes/pads if they get oil on them! I've got to remember to put the dipstick in, make sure it is locked and immediately turn it until it stops. A month before, I discovered the foot kick shaft on the kick starter was stuck in the out position and wouldn't budge even after taking the nut off and beating it senseless with a rubber mallet. After a liberal application of "liquid wrench" and driving about 10 miles the kick shaft was never to be seen again. "Liquid wrench" works great, but I should have left the nut on! Next day was our NCNOC Sacramento ride to St Helena and I wasn't about to be held back by a simple missing kick starter shaft remembering this is a Norton MKIII with a working Electric Starter.

Lorin and I trucked our bikes to Cordelia Junction, found Dave Crader and cruised over to Moscowitz Corners where we met up with our Sacramento friends Jerry Kaplan, Walden Williams, Bruce Hendrickson and others, with about 10 riders total. The ride continued to Lake Berryessa, over to Angwin where we picked up Lynne Miller and rode into St. Helena for lunch at Taylors. Lorin, Dave and I followed Jerry back to his house in Davis to ogle his motorcycle collection and Jerry gave us a private tour of the fabulous "Mike the Bike Motorcycle Museum" in Dixon. The weather was excellent and the roads are twisty; you missed a good one. Thanks Ken Armann and Sportster Diane for installing my new kick start shaft.

The following Sunday, NCNOC members went to a breakfast memorial reception for long time member, Tim Coburn, at Alice's restaurant per invitation of Art Sirota. Tim was known for his dry humor, his special checkered men's robe.

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NCNOC makes a strong club showing the SLO Rally

The NCNOC made a strong showing at the SLO Rally October 7-10 in San Luis Obispo Ca. the event was presented by the Central Coast Classic Motorcycle Club and is a 4 day rally this year it featured Norton Motorcycles.

I saw many NCNOC members in attendance. The Club booth at the motorcycle show/swap and games day (Saturday the 9th) was a popular exhibit, we gained a couple new members and showed some of the varied bikes within the club. The saying "I've only seen that in books" was the most used to describe our display and many of the attendees thanked us for displaying.

Our club booth was a focal point for many members and friends as Kathryn Guy laid out a cheese /crackers and wine brunch table. The weather was good if not a bit windy in the morning and later in the afternoon.

As for its second year the event was fun and although it has some organizational issues to overcome, I believe it can become a very strong event in the coming years.

All members in attendance had a great time and we look forward to next year.

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The Club group pic at the AGM October 3 2010, Huckleberry Flat. Part of the Gourmet cooking staff Mike Sullivan, Terry and Donna Morrison. The CAKE! Yumm.



Presidents message and Riding with Harry Cont. :

and for asking questions like: "what is the world's southernmost national capital", to see if you really are: "smarter than a fifth grader". (Hint: It's on the same Island where they make Pazon's and beef has something to do with it.) .

The NCNOC "Adopt a Highway" task force came out the next Sunday and we cleaned up Skyline Blvd. with Lorin and Kathryn bringing up continental breakfast and all the required implements, what a team! This continues to be one of the NCNOC activities lots of our members enjoy doing because we perform a civic duty, ride our motorcycles over twisty roads, bench race in a mountain atmosphere, eat at Alices Restaurant, all within a few miles of our homes and all on the same day and all scheduled in the NN. Eat your heart out Bill Bibbiani! Alan Goldwater was our ride leader for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) ride from Alice's to Huckleberry Flats Memorial Park. Thanks Alan and yes, I am now an INOA member.

The NCNOC officers unanimously retained their positions for another year and a fabulous lunch was prepared by Terry and Donna Morrison, Ron Bastians, Isabel Gloege and Mike Sullivan for 30 attending members.

Club News:

Alan Goldwater is hosting this year's Holiday party at his house in Santa Cruz on December 5th, check the NCNOC web calendar for his address and phone number. Remember, this is a pot luck dinner so we need to organize types of food people are bringing .

IMS/Progressive Insurance Show at San Mateo County Fairgrounds, San Mateo, Ca, again this year the NCNOC will be at the IMS be sure to stop by the club booth, tell your friends. We also need members to work the booth e mail Harry Bunting or Lorin Guy. There will be discount tickets for members see Lorin for these.

Look to the website for your club's up to date calendar and events, your Yahoo group can give you up to the minute information on events and happenings. If not on the Yahoo group already you can join from the web site. Memberships can be paid on the website too, look for the automatic renewal option.

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NCNOC MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, 9 September 2010

Swiss Park, Fremont, 13 members present, one Norton ridden; Keith Karn

President Harry Bunting called the meeting to order at 7:48 and discussed the following upcoming events: Sunday 12 Sept: North Bay Ride, Wednesday 15 Sept: Tracker Night at 954 Shulman Ave. in Santa Clara. There will be a free MotorCycle Show and BBQ, \$5.00 donation as well as other festivities. Sunday 19 Sept: A memorial meet for Tim Coburn will be held at Alice's in the back room at 9:30am so be there early. Sunday 26 Sept: The rescheduled Adopt-a-Highway clean up will be held at Alice's at 10:00am The AGM, Sunday Oct 3: the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Huckleberry Flat group area at San Mateo Memorial Park. Meet at Alice's at 10:00. Alan Goldwater will lead the ride in starting at 11:00. There will be a four day motorcycle show and event on October 7-8 -9-10 held by the Central Coast Classic Motorcycle Club in San Luis Obispo with Norton being the honored marquee. Check the Club website for more info.

Club Treasurer Elizabeth Recoder reports that there are currently 187 paid up members and that we have approximately \$4,000.00 in the bank. Also it was noted that all advertisers are now paid up. Alan Goldwater suggested that there be a spot in the Notice for information about membership in the INOA. I suggested that

additional to that there should be the same info available about the NOC-UK. Next year's 40th Anniversary was discussed. The following locations were put forward as possible sites: The Mountain Terrace Restaurant (this is the restaurant across the street from Alice's) The Swiss Park Location, Harvey Louck's Home The site of the original first meeting (Bob Bausch [founding member] is looking into this) Other suggestions are welcomed and will be discussed at the AGM

It was voted on and approved that new club hats shall be bought. Liz Sain-Dabel will have some shirts and hats for sale at the AGM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 : submitted; Mike Sullivan, Secretary *pro tem*

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The 40th anniversary club committee has asked Bob Bausch, founding member to designed what might be the clubs 40th anniversary logo , you can look at these here and again on the web site. Note : these are in black and white you can see full color , larger renditions on the web site.



#'s 1-3 These are just ideas so look carefully and think about the many ways we might use the eventual final design during the year. You can choose more than just one design too.

NCNOC 39TH AGM MINUTES October 3, 2010

Huckleberry Flat, San Mateo County Memorial Park
24 members rode in on the AGM ride with Alan Goldwater as leader
Meeting called to order at 2:20pm

President Harry Bunting announced he has agreed to one more term as President, and since all other board offices have agreed as well, there were no nominations or elections this year.

Harry thanked the cooks for today's B-B-Q: Mike Sullivan and Terry & Donna Morrison, as well as helpers Ron Bastiaans and Dan Bockmier. Thanks were also due to Harry for providing the steamed corn and beans and huge "Over-The-Hill" sheet cake.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elizabeth Recoder reported we currently have a bank balance of \$3800, and 187 paid up members. It was noted that this membership is similar to 20 years ago and a good sign that the club has recovered from more recent lows of 130.

40th NCNOC ANNIVERSARY: Harry asked if you have names of former members no longer active would you e-mail them to him so they can be invited to the celebration. He introduced founding member Bob Bausch who brought 10 design samples for the 40th Anniversary logo which were exhibited for consideration. There followed a discussion of the cost comparisons of on line graphics firms vs. our traditional one. Also, what items we will order for the regalia inventory besides hats on which there seemed to be universal agreement.

INOC AWARD OF RECOGNITION: Alan Goldwater surprised Phil Radford with a special award from the International Norton Owners Club for Phil's 25 years of "Dedication to Nortons and their Riders". In receiving the award, Phil said simply, "Keep riding them."

meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Morrison, Co-Secretary

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And In the Beginnings : The Story of the NCNOC upon the eve of its 40th year.

Continued from last month ; number two of three parts.

With the 40th anniversary of the NCNOC coming in 2011. We are so fortunate to have the club story right from the man who started it all, Robert (Bob) Bausch. Here is the second portion of the story. Look for the exciting conclusion and current state of the club in the next issue. Ed.

Start of the San Francisco Branch of the Norton Owners Club

As I remember, Jerry and I did a mailer to advertise the "inaugural meeting" of the SF Branch of the NOC, and, using owner lists we obtained from the Norton dealers in the Bay Area, sent out invitations to this meeting. According to Dave Brian's letter, we had a list of 20 people to send to. Seems very low, but tallies with Jerry's memory of "10 to 20" present at the meeting.

The first meeting of what was to be the San Francisco Branch of the Norton Owners Club was held at the Wawona Clubhouse on Wawona Street, west of 19th Avenue in the Sunset District of San Francisco. This was in late September or October 1971. Cost to rent the clubhouse from San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department was \$5.00!

The scene was like this: the Wawona Clubhouse had a small auditorium with a stage, and my Fastback was on the stage. We had tables set up and Jerry and I were sitting behind them explaining our idea to start a branch of the English NOC here in the city, and extolling the virtues of being one of the first to join this elite group! Well, we got a few members that night, and member #2 was Bob Getts.

An interesting bit of info I discovered in my envelope of old stuff was a membership directory of the NC Branch of the NOC from 1985. According to member numbers, these were the first 10 members of the original SF Branch of the NOC:

Our records show: 1) Bob Bausch 2) Bob Getts 3) Eric Hjertberg
4) Melvin Dern 5) Norm Kelley 6) Don Danmeier 7) Leonard Allen
8) Mark Gribble 9) Peter Gheorghiu 10) Gene Austin

Joe Tubb, who had a Norton dealership in Burlingame, Cycles Unlimited, was an early member, and Joe, an excellent mechanic, was our Technical Officer for some time at the beginning.

Early meetings were held at our home on 38th Avenue in the Richmond District of San Francisco. We also had meetings at Bob Getts' home in Redwood City, and at a few other member's homes.

The Norton Owners Club had been founded in England in 1955 (I know they say 1959 now, but the official NOC sticker from 1980 on my bike's front fender says 1955!), and at the start of the San Francisco Branch, we were just that, an official branch of the parent club in England. That was an important point about starting the branch, a fact I think has been lost over the years. Each and every member of the SF Branch in the early days was a member of the English club, and received the excellent Roadholder magazine from England. That was how I pictured the branch continuing, but as time passed this commitment became diluted.

We had meetings once a month back then, and one ride a month as well. Many of our rides started from Sausalito at the Ferry Landing, and our rides up into Marin County were memorable ones, some of them involving "The Sunday Morning Ride". Other annual rides were to Mount Diablo and Mount Hamilton, and I see the tradition has been carried on. We also had several rides to Laguna Seca for the bike races, and on one occasion members had the pleasure of meeting Dennis Poore, Chairman of Norton Villiers in England, who made all this possible.

The branch had some pretty interesting early members. Earl Adkins was a mechanic at Dudley Perkins Harley-Davidson in the city, and he had a Norton Manx. We had some meetings at Earl's church in Pacifica! I think we even had a technical session meeting there, conducted by Joe Tubb. Jim Lowe had been an F-86 Sabre jet ace in Korea (9 victories), and had a yellow Production Racer which he raced.

Ed:
Robert (Bob) Bausch is by trade a graphic designer:
<http://www.bauschdesign.com/> and he brings a depth of experience and talent to his work that gives it a timeless quality, see his web site



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