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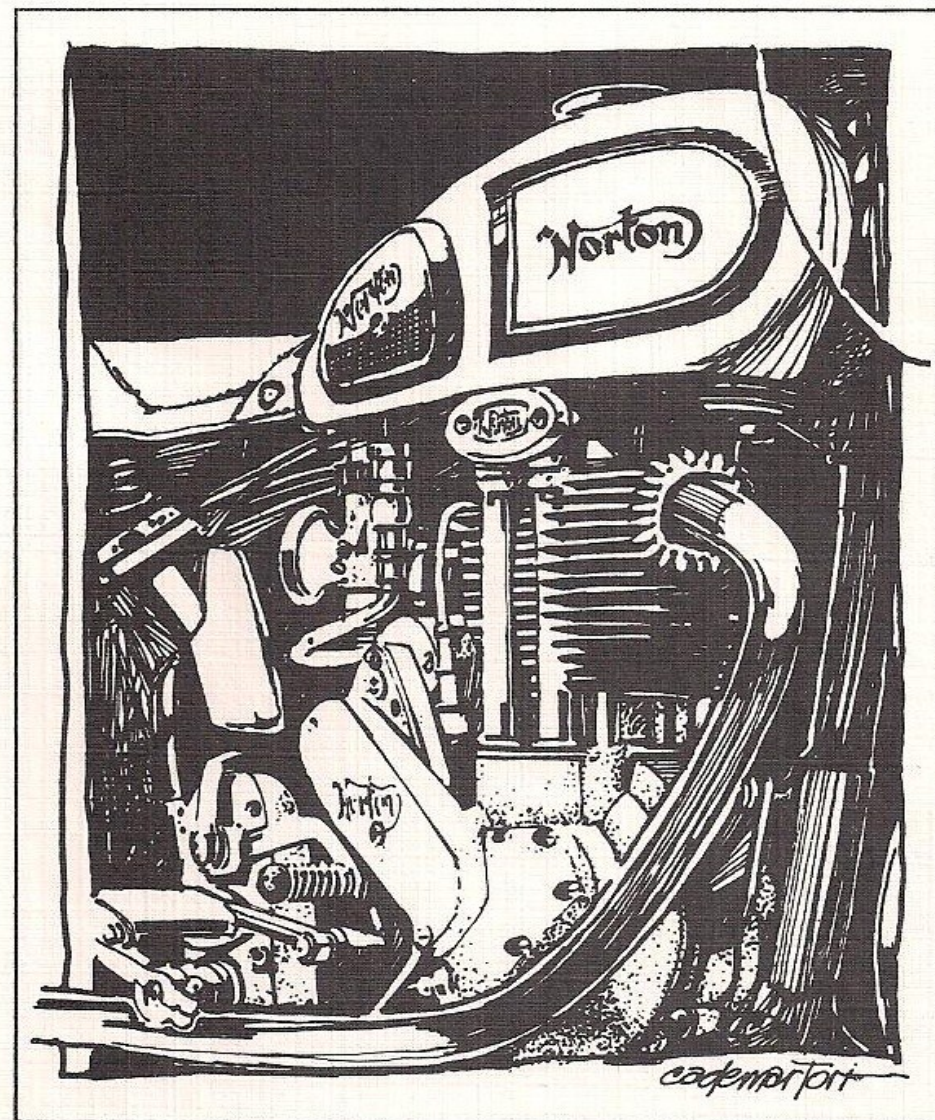
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Membership cost is \$25.00 per year and includes a subscription to the Norton Notice, a publication which provides an enormous wealth of information to Norton owners and re-caps of club events.

I hereby apply for Membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC)

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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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Tech tip from Alan Goldwater:

Removing oil stains from chrome exhaust pipes

This is a tough one. Metal polish works but it will take the chrome off eventually. I've used Permatex Gasket Remover, with good results.

It comes in a spray can but don't spray it anywhere near the bike. Spray some into a cup or directly onto a bristle brush (not nylon), then dab it carefully onto the oil stains. Let it sit on there for a while. Then rub at it with a solvent soaked rag. Make sure your rags are real clean - even a slight amount of grit can mess up the shine permanently.

Neoprene gloves are needed with that Permatex stuff, and make sure it doesn't get on the paint!



2012 NCNOC Holiday Party : Angel Monje and his Dad Manual both who have Norton motorcycles, after Angel got his recently he convinced his dad it's just what he needed too. Angel's beautiful girl friend Amanda (who's a dessert chef) made some of the fantastic deserts at the party. See Frank and Elizabeth Recoder in the corner of the shot.

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**

January 10-13, Vegas auctions and indoor flat track races. See website for details

January 10 Thursday : 2013: Club meeting at Harry's Hofbrau in Foster City off 101 meeting at 8pm.

January 13 Sunday: Polar Bear Ride start Hobee's in Los Gatos Ca. Double ride points event. 10:30am kickstands up.. To Half Moon Bay the long way. See website for details.

***February 7 Thursday**: Meeting : Moved from the 14 in observance of Valentine Day.. Starts 8pm at Swiss Park in San Leandro Ca,

February 10 Sunday: Sweetheart Ride: meet at Niles Station (bar) 37349 Niles Blvd Fremont Ca. Lunch at CB Hengan's Los Gatos Ca.

Note: February 14 Thursday and the ride Feb 17 have been moved: Meeting moved see Feb 7th meeting and ride moved see Feb 10th.

March 7th Thursday : meeting at The Sonoma Chicken Coop in Downtown Campbell Ca. start time 8pm..

March 9 Saturday : "Bring out yer almost Dead Day," get expert advise and help with your bikes repairs: Dianne Pettijohn host at Ken Armann's shop in Campbell Ca. Sunday

March 17 Sunday: Ride TBA meet at Alice's

April 6 Saturday : BSA club's annual "Clubman's show and swap, meet" Santa Clara County Fair Grounds San Jose Ca door open at 7am.

April 7 Sunday: All British BSA Club sponsored "Morning After Ride" see web calendar for details and start point.

April 11 Thursday: Meeting at Club meeting at Harry's Hofbrau in Foster City off 101 meeting at 8pm.

April 14 Sunday : Adopt-a-Highway clean up and Santa Cruz Mountain ride Clean up starts at 10:30am ride at 12 noon.

President Message :

As another year draws to a close I want thank everyone for all the help and support, especially the Guy Family without your tireless dedication we would not be the club we are, THANK YOU. I would like to thank the rest of the officers for putting up with me as well.



The year ending is time to remember those who have enriched our lives both living and now gone, time to think about staying safe while having fun. I know we are a much smaller group and I am working hard to expand our circle without expanding my waistline any more.

I could sure use your help trying to attain this goal, so when you are out and about, talk to those who ask you about your bike and try to welcome them to join us at every opportunity.

I would also try to encourage you to find some new meeting spots for us to visit throughout the year as some are wearing a little thin and we could perhaps get a little more participation, if we can find a way to reach more folks.

Please help me to be better with your suggestions as I live a somewhat sheltered existence and do not get out much I could use the insight of our group.

Thanks again to all for a good year and I hope we can get better. Thanks to our new members for joining us and bringing down our average age.

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INOA and the NOC Happenings:

We are associated with the NOC of England (Norton Owner's Club) or as it's called the "Mother 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:

INOA 2013 Rally will be held in Buffalo, WY Registrations will open on Jan 15, 2013. It was reported that there is a nice old hotel, The Occidental, in Buffalo if members do not want to camp.

Coming events in the NOC:

NOC: AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Norton Owners Club will be held at The Heritage Motor Centre Motor Museum, Gaydon on Sunday 7th. April 2013 starting at 11.00.

To guarantee inclusion at the AGM, notification of matters for discussion, motions and candidates for election must be submitted in advance either in writing or by e-mail to Colin Cheney, NOC Secretary.

The last date for receipt of these will be Friday 15th. March 2013. Other items may be raised at the meeting under Any Other Business at the discretion of the Chairman and if time permits.

Updates on the AGM will be posted in the News section of the NOC web site up to the date of the meeting.

NOC Members attending the AGM will be eligible for entry to the museum at no extra charge

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Hot Caramel Apple Cider (aka NCNOC Holiday Cheer)

This was a favorite at the 2012 Holiday Party .

- 1-quart unfiltered apple cider
- 2-cinnomon sticks
- 1 tsp Allspice berries
- 1 tsp Cloves
- ½ tsp Orange rind

Heat the ingredients in crock pot or on stove to boil; turn down and simmer for 10 minutes; keep hot in crock pot or on stove.

Serve as is for a non-alcoholic version or to add the “cheer factor” add Smirnoff Kissed Caramel Vodka to taste, to each cup as served.

Tech tip from Alan Goldwater:

Filing ignition points

Mechanical points rarely need filing on a Norton. More commonly, they get contaminated with oil from a bad points seal.

The oil then burns onto the contact surfaces and prevents good electrical connection when the points close. A very light filing should be followed by a spray of contact cleaner, if you have any handy.

Then drag a piece of white paper through the contacts when they're closed. Repeat until it leaves no mark on the paper. A cash register receipt works good for this. If you leave any residue in there, it will quickly oxidize into a nice insulation layer.

It's George and Sachie!! :

It was great to see George and Sachie Shoblo at the AGM both are looking fantastic. Recovering from a bit of a get off this summer at the discretion of a California Columbian black-tailed deer



Meeting Minutes submitted by Mike Sullivan

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Pre Christmas Party, Dec 2, 2012

Our President, Ken Armann, opened the meeting at about 11:30

Present were:

Ken Armann, President, Alan Goldwater, Vice President, Lorin Guy, and Kathryn Guy Notice Editors, Ron Bastiaan, Treasurer, Tom Dabel, and Liz Sain Dabel Ridemasters and Mike Sullivan, Secretary

Initially, the next year's meeting schedule and ride schedule were discussed.

The following dates and changes were proposed:

Feb: Meeting to be held on the 7th, Ride to be held on the 10th Both changes because Valentine's Day (14th) is on the second Thursday

March: Although the Sunday following the second Thursday falls on St. Patrick's Day (17th), no Changes were made.

April: The ride to be the Clubman's Ride the Sunday after the show, as before

July: It was proposed to have a three day ride to the INOA Rally.

October: The AGM will be held on the 6th

December: The Turkey ride is proposed to be held on Dec 1 and the Freeze Ride is proposed to be held on the 29th. The Holiday Party is proposed to be held on the 8th.

All other regularly scheduled meetings and rides are to be discussed at subsequent meetings

Other matters:

For future meetings, Harry's Haufbrau in San Jose has been eliminated in favor of The Chicken Co-op in Campbell.

The Club is still looking for a place to have a meeting in San Francisco or the North Peninsula. Possible suggestions: Pig and Whistle in SF, The Boathouse at Lake Merced if it re-opens

The presence of the Club Booth at the Quail Lodge meet was approved, May 3 and 4th 2013. It was mentioned that some members thought that the AGM location was too far south.

We need members to look for something equal to Vasona Park but be more centralized.

The issuance of the bi-monthly Notice will be continued. There was a discussion of some proposed by-law changes in regard to advertisers and conflict of Interest, etc. These will be further discussed at subsequent meetings.

Lorin mentioned that because of a conflict, someone else shall have to organize the Club Booth at the IMS Show next year.

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Minutes from the Meeting: Annual General Meeting, Vasona Park, Los Gatos, Ca October 7, 2012

President Ken Armann opened the meeting at 2:25 with a call for nominations for officers. All current officers agreed to retain their positions with the except for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary. Alan Goldwater agreed to serve as Vice-president and I agreed to continue being the Secretary until someone else will step up. The 2013 officer positions are as follows:

President: Ken Armann, Vice President: Alan Goldwater, Notice Editor: Lorin Guy
Secretary: Mike Sullivan, Treasurer: Ron Bastiaan

All other business was carried over to the Holiday Party meeting see notes for the minutes on page 5.

IMS and NCNOC :

The IMS (International Motorcycle Show) was November 16-18 at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds in San Mateo, Ca.. The NCNOC has a long history of displaying with the show, thanks to club member Lorin Guy. 2003 was the first of two years the IMS was held at the San Jose's McHenry Convention Center. Lorin was contacted and asked to bring a "vintage motorcycle display" as an enhancement for the show. Calling upon his many enthusiast/rider friends, Lorin and his son Steffen gathered 18 different types of motorcycles for the display, transporting all of them themselves. In the second year, Lorin enlisted the assistance of Hans Milberg to gather and transport bikes.

Union issues at San Jose ended the IMS stay at the convention center and it was then moved to San Mateo. This time, Lorin reached out to other Vintage clubs to share the space the Advantstar people were offering, expanding and deepening the collection of bikes on display.

The NCNOC has benefited greatly from the opportunity to share the space Advanstar provides each year. It has allowed the club to inform the modern motorcycle riding public of the clubs existence, gain new members and generally convey the Club's enthusiasm, furthering the sport of vintage motorcycling in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

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Norton Cup Award recipient for 2012 is member John Coffman. John's a newer member who attended almost all the club events this year on his NORTON! Johns enthusiasm and outward personality make him a club favorite.

Below:

Group shot at the 2012 Holiday Party at the home of club members Lorin and Kathryn Guy in South San Jose. It was a hardy happy group of members old and new.



NCNOC Holiday Party:

The annual Holiday Party was held this year at the home of Lorin and Kathryn Guy in South San Jose. It was well attended, the food was amazingly good and the variety of dishes, yes even vegetarian, made it a feast to remember. Deserts were abundant as were the drinks, with everything from classic wines to international beers and 9 different sodas as well as hot apple cider with Caramel Vodka.

The crowd was in a "party mood" if the amount of laughter and good conversations are any indicator. The "gift" swap was again a "hoot" as gifts were stolen and traded.

Newly re-elected President Ken Armann addressed the group, welcoming all the new members in attendance and thanking all the longtime members for their support. He gave the coveted "Norton Cup Award" to this year's winner John Coffman, The cup was well desired, John is a newer member who attended almost all the events this year on his Norton!! John's enthusiasm and outward personality makes him a favorite to have around.

Ken went on to lay out his desires for the coming New Year and we are all looking forward to the rides coming up.

Everyone pitched in to help set up and tear down we had a number of dishwasher loads done by the time the last guests left the party at almost 9pm.

Lorin and Kathryn wanted to thank everyone for the support and help, for the food and for coming to have a good time.

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Cylinder head porosity sealing

Porosity has been a known problem of 850 cylinder heads. From my own experience and confirmed by local Norton shops, the problem is more frequent with RH4 (MK3) heads and most often occurs in the front area of the pushrod tunnel where the wall is thin. I've been told that late 850 heads were sealed at the factory using a kind of aluminum paint. My own experience supports this - in a previous rebuild I noticed a bright spot where the pushrod was touching a ridge in the head metal. I carefully ground this off, no more than .010-015 inch removed. Once back together and running, a leak appeared right there, between the 2nd and 3rd fin up from the cylinder.

Loctite makes a range of sealing products for castings, which require a vacuum system to apply and are only for high-volume manufacturing. They used to have a low-volume product called 990 Anaerobic Sealer that is now discontinued. But they told me it is essentially identical to Threadlocker 290. That's the green 'wicking' stuff that penetrates assembled bolts and such. They say it should work up to 400F (200C) to seal porosity in air-cooled heads. The technical data sheet includes the following comment:

For Porosity Sealing

1. Clean area and apply localized heat to the area to approximately 121°C.
2. Allow to cool to approximately 85°C and apply the product.

Since the pores will be saturated with motor oil, a thorough solvent cleaning and drying should be done before applying the sealer. To help find where the porosity (or crack) leak is happening, first use a dye penetrant like Rocol Flawfinder or SilverSeal CrackFinder.

Since I knew where the problem was in my MK3 head, I just cleaned it thoroughly and applied the 290. The head is still oil-tight after 7 years and 20k miles.

My thanks to Mike Feeney at Loctite for great technical support.



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The special Norton Cake for the AGM picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos Cal,

Below the grub is good at the picnic, sure was quite for about 20 minutes.. Yummm.



Club cooks make sure the coals are good and hot before starting the feast.

The Los Gatos Vasona Park provides some very nice facilities for picnic as well as a perfect days weather.



All the members that showed up for the picnic and ride all were pleased with the facility. The club paid the gate fee's for those on the AGM ride. it was a wonderful days event. Thanks to Ken Armann and Carolyn Scott for cooking duty.

Club ride master's Tom Dabel and lovely wife Liz Sain-Dabel give a directions chat to the AGM riders at the gas stop.

Below: the bikes gather at the gas stop, all the Norton machines amazed the locals



AGM Picnic and Ride:



The AGM was a very successful event from a lot of different perspectives. It was successful in the weather for the day's ride which was safe with no incidents, in the number of members who showed up, lots of new members too this

opportunity to meet the group, and in the election of the 2013 board.

The facility could not have been better and not only the BBQ area but the bathroom, short walk and very clean and comfortable.

If anything could be said about the area was that the Geese had a good days worth of occupancy before us and left it a mess, (a goose mess on the lawns).

In all the AGM was one of the best we've had in a number of years, Thanks to all who help with set up, tear down and all around.