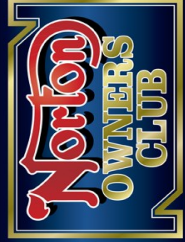




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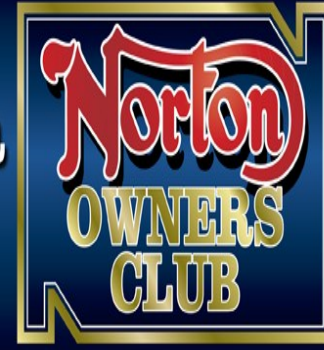


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I hereby apply for Membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC)

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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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Yahoo Group ; Your club maintains a Yahoo Groups page, for all up to date event info and changes, questions about your bike or just queries, it's a quick way to get an answer or opinion. You can join the Yahoo Group from your club Website Nortonclub.com, click on About Us.. at the bottom of that page, Join us!

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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.**

Thurs, March 12: Monthly Meeting, Sonoma Chicken Coop, Campbell

Sat, March 14: Bring out your (almost) dead: Held at Ken Arman's shop in Campbell Ca. pot luck lunch and more! Questions call Ken Arman at 408.626-0061 11am.

Sun, March 15: Adopt-a-Highway Clean up 10am start, at Alice's

Sat, March 28: BSA Clubman's Show, annual includes all Nor-Cal British Clubs

Sun, March 29: Morning After Ride. BSA Club lead ride and points ride for NCNOC members.

Thurs, April 09: Monthly Meeting, Swiss Park, Newark

Sat-Sun, April 11-12: BSAOCNC&SC Mid-State Ride, Carmel

Sun, April 12: Santa Cruz Mtn, Goldwater Ride: Starting at the usual Los Gatos parking lot, at 165 Los Gatos Saratoga Rd this ride is led by Alan Goldwater, amazing roads in this fantastic area for motorcycling. questions e mail Alan at vice-president@nortonclub.com see website for more details

Fri-Sun, April 17-19: SCNOC Death Valley Ride

Thurs-Fri, April 30-May 1: AHRMA, Sears Point

Thurs, May 14: Monthly Meeting, Swinging Door, San Mateo

Fri-Sat, May 15-16: Quail Motorcycle Gathering, Carmel, CA.

Sun, May 24: Mt. Hamilton Ride (see Website)

Sat, May 30: BSAOCNC Mother Lode Ride, El Dorado Hills

Sun, June 07: Adopt-a-Highway Clean up

—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 :

It is a new year with great weather time to get our bikes out and terrorize the populace. We have had two great club meetings this year and our attempt to bring in more participants is working.

We have had a few new folks and at the Swinging Door we had old members crawl out of the woodwork to further boost to our morale.

We have fun events coming up with the "Bring out your almost dead day" Where club members help each other get those last bits done on your bike so you can go on the "Morning after Ride" the day after the Clubman's Show, it's only a couple of weeks away (March 14th).

Then BSA Club's "28th Clubman Show" the All British Motorcycle show and swap meet at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds (March 28th) . Volunteers are needed as always, for our club booth, set up, manning the booth, and clean help us we grow as a club.

Booth theme is "oldest and newest" with John Kauffman's long awaited new 961 and Peter Gulcher's 1948 ES2 making up the two ends of the spectrum. I was lucky enough to test ride John's bike and it was very fun (can't wait till I can run it at more than 40mph) with break in concerns and a computer just waiting to "rat you out" to the dealer I had to behave myself (you all know how hard that is for me). He was out for the Sweethearts Ride on it and I hear it was well received.

Looking forward to another great riding season and how lucky we are to live here in California.

See you all soon, remember to play well with others.

Ken Armann

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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:

INOA Norton Carolina Rally

July 13-17, 2015 Asheville, NC Details to follow

Coming events in the NOC:

CRMC Track Parades - Pembrey

"An opportunity to get your Norton out on the track"

The NOC sponsors The Classic Senior Race for original 350 - 500cc race machines in the CRMC Series and a benefit of this is that Members have the opportunity to parade their Nortons at the meetings.

When : Apr 05, 2015 f 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where A484 between Llanelli and Carmarthen, ~11 miles from J48 of the M4

You can join the NOC at:

www.nortonownersclub.org/membership

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MotorCycle Logic: Remember folks, street lights timed for 35 mph are also timed for 70 mph. ~Jim Samuels

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White Elephant Gift Exchange

By SportsterDiana

It's the Holiday Party and as a traditional fun game we play the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Gifts run the gambit for this, and I normally take the one least wanted. It's no big deal, with a \$10 limit it's not like we expect a lot, though some members do bring things worth a lot more.

Still, this year when I got my "gift" it was one of those cheap flashlights Harbor Freight often gives away for free. This was a new low, but it was the least wanted gift... Then I found out Ken also got a Harbor Freight giveaway headlamp flashlight. Is \$10 too much to expect someone to spend to be part of this, after all it's the Holiday Party!

Normally, I try and be a little creative, make it something someone will want. These gifts showed so little thought or care that they crossed the line from lack of creativity and care, into actually offensive.

Maybe its time to have two separate gift exchanges. The "White Elephant" gift exchange and the "I wrapped something I got free at Harbor Freight and had in my truck for the last six months" gift exchange....

It could save those people from the trouble of wrapping to, just bring the free coupon and drop it on the table face down. Just a thought.

Editor Note: At the Holiday Party, the fun game, is called the "White Elephant Gift Exchange", meaning that gifts ranging from \$10.00-15.00 are wrapped and placed on a table, as numbers are drawn the person picks a gift from the table, or he or she can steal the previous person's gift, giving that person the opportunity to pick from the table again. Gifts can only be stolen three times. The next player can pick or steal, and so on till no more gifts are available to be taken. Fun uh? Yeah it is!!

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Rusted Nuts and *Stupid (Simple) Shop Tricks and Tips* By Fred Fortune @ Fred's Garage

Buy and keep on hand a set of cheap or flea market wrenches to modify for special situations. Professional mechanics often have a drawer in their toolbox full of customized wrenches. Don't be afraid to use a torch to put an extra bend in a wrench handle to reach awkward bolts or nuts or grind down one end of an allen wrench. To fit a wrench on a jam nut in a tight spot, grind the flat side of the open end until it's thin enough to slide into place.

Among the 500 uses for WD-40 it will remove grease embedded in work clothes. It also lubricates and cools drill bits. Speed and friction build heat, and heat is the enemy of drill bits. A drill bit with a blued tip was spun too fast and without enough lubrication. A \$40 drill sharpener is a great investment with a quick payback if you do much drilling.

Ever notice that when a bolt breaks inside a casting or nut, it usually shears off two or three threads below the surface? That's because not all threads carry an equal load. According to people who know more than me (and specialize in fastener technology), the first complete thread of a nut or bolt carries 38% of the total load. The second thread bears around 25% of the load and the third thread roughly 18%—adding up to 81% of the total load borne by the first three threads...in other words as long as you've got at least three threads engaged and tightened to the recommended torque you're good to go.

Surgeons use different sizes of special locking scissor clamps to seal off blood vessels or retract bits of ... well you get the idea. They're called hemostat clamps and literally hundreds are available for dirt cheap on ebay. They're great for sealing off hoses, clamping wires temporarily together for soldering, or holding small wrapped bits of burning vegetation. Or not.

Thanks to Diana Pettijohn, Sportster Goddess and Ken Armann of Ken Armann Classic Motorcycle Restoration.

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Meeting Minutes: Newark, Swiss Park 1/08

Presented by Club Secretary/Treasurer, Sportster Dianna

Massive turn out! 17 and New members Bill with 74 Commando and Terry with new Norton SE 961

Club Business: Newsletters,

We are getting the renewal process down so that it will appear on the NN when you get your newsletter. We are also trying to fill in the emails for all members too. (send to Lorin)

200 copies of the Norton Notice printed for \$279.
Lorin thanks you all for stories in the NN.

Electronic newsletters are being tested, the first try looks good. This could save us money later for those that do not want hardcopies printed and mailed to them, and for sharing with other chapters.

New ride points scale: to try and get more people riding to meetings, 2 points for riding, 4 points for riding British and 6 points for riding a Norton. (Ed note: And for Chairing an event?)

We have money: Savings;\$741.00, Checking; \$1008.00 Paypal; \$47.00

New Board member; Harry Bunting is the new NCNOC ride leader, congratulations Harry!

Club Events:

The club will have a booth at the Quail. The discount code is "clubcode" for members wanting to attend. Saves you \$10.00 over standard ticket pricing.

The INOA let us know our bid for the 2016 rally in Quincy has been accepted and we are moving ahead with it. We may be doing a flat track race as well. We will try and open it up to all British makes.

Of Interest to the Club:

Lorin and Kathryn Guy who also work with the Quail event to produce those amazing displays are asking of anyone who knows anyone or if you own a military bike please let Lorin know, he needs more for his display at the Quail. Mostly WW1 Euro or American

The 2015 Quail Motorcycle Gathering

It's happening May 16 at the Quail Golf Lodge in Carmel Ca. this event has become the premier motorcycle show in the country.

The NCNOC has been a part of this show since its inception and will again in 2015. The Club booth never fails to attract a lot of attention and we've been able to sign up new members from this show every year.

This year the Quail's special features include, A tribute to Military Motorcycles, Formula 750 group and Choppers along with the hundreds of other display and show bikes.

The Norton Clubs involvement is the spearhead for the overall club involvement over the 7 year run of the show that has included the BSA Club, BMW Air-Heads, Central Coast British Motorcycle Club, the Antique Motorcycle Club, the Buell Owner's Club, Ducati Vintage Club, as well as others.

Show classes this year are Featured Categories

- **A Tribute to Military Motorcycles**
- **Formula 750 Group**
- **Chopper**

Traditional Classes

- American (1936-1979)
- Antique (-1935)
- British (1936-1979)
- Custom/Modified
- Competition On/Off Road
- German (1936-1979)
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Enter soon as this event looks to be filling up very fast this year. Go on line to Quail Motorcycle Gathering. Do it soon.

For questions about the Quail event send an e mail to Lorin Guy at loringuy@ yahoo




Long time club member and our Nor-Country flag bearer Jerry Kaplan and his lovely wife came down for the club ride, February 15th The Sweet Heart Ride. It was great to see him and his fine Norton. Seen here at the lunch stop The Junction, The Ride led by Tom and Liz Dabel and was a great success, pix shows the crowd getting ready to start, from my van window, First official ride for member John Coffman's new 961 also.



Norton Pub, the Brewster nothing like getting your ale from a Norton Commando engine at your local Pub. Here shows a modified 750cc Commando tap'd and ready to pour. Where this is no idea pix was send to me via Email.



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**Meeting Minutes:
 Swinging Door (aka The Prince of Wales) San Mateo 2/12**

18 members and guests present 1 Norton bike ridden;

Club Business:

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by the president, Ken Armann who introduced four old time members and friends: Gene Austin member #13 Harvey Loutz who hosted the 40th Anniversary party at his house up on Skyline Drive, Mark Gribble who last attended 20 years ago, Bill Keegan.

Club Events:

Ken Armann reminded us that the "Bring Out Your Almost Dead" happening will be on March 14 at his shop in Campbell Ca. This will allow you to get your bike running for the Day After Ride.

Alan Goldwater, the INOA V-P made a play for our hosting the INOA Rally in 2016 at the Quincy Fairgrounds. It is normally held in July and will have AMA Insurance. This is a great setting with wonderful roads. There can be a tour of the adjacent lumber mill and also a visit to the train museum at Portola.

The BSA Clubman Show will be on March 28 this year at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. It was not known who the host club will be or where the Morning After Ride will start on the 29th.

Of interest to the Club :

A new motorcycle oriented function was discussed, the Bay Area Superfest at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on April 2-3. Whether we will go as a Club will be discussed later.

The 2015 Cachuma Lake Vintage British Motorcycle Rally to be held on the Memorial Day Weekend May 22-25. Price \$175.00 per person includes 8 meals and a museum tour. There are hot showers and some hook-ups. If you are interested contact enjmulder@directv.net or call 661-944-1184.

Someone (sorry, I forgot to record who) mentioned a Netflix movie called Peaky Blinders that has some shots of the old BSA factory in it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 Mike Sullivan, Secretary pro tem

The NCNOC 2015 Events

NCNOC events in "bold" other events of interest are not. See on line calendar for more info on events and rides. Nortonclub.com

Handy Pull out for your fridge door!

Thurs, January 08: Monthly Meeting, Swiss Park, Newark
Thurs-Sat, January 8-10: Vintage Motorcycle Auctions, Las Vegas,
Sun, January 11: Polar Bear Ride (see Website)
Sat, January 17: BSAOCNC AGM, Oakland
Sun, February 01: AMC Dixon Swap meet
Thurs, February 12: Monthly Meeting, Swinging Door, San Mateo
Sun, February 15: Sweetheart Ride (see Website)
Sat, February 28: BSAOCNC Delta Ride, Rio Vista
Thurs, March 12: Monthly Meeting, Sonoma Chicken Coop
Sat, March 14: Bring out your (almost) dead
Sun, March 15: Adopt-a-Highway Clean up
Sat, March 28: BSA Clubman's Show
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Sun, May 24: Mt. Hamilton Ride (see Website)
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Rides and Activities Calendar

Sun, June 07: Adopt-a-Highway Clean up
Thurs, June 11: Monthly Meeting, Sonoma Chicken Coop,
Fri-Sun, June 12-14: BSAOCNC&SC North Woods Ride,
Sat-Sun, June 20-22: Moto Melee;
Sun, June 28: South Bay Ride (see Website)
Thurs, July 09: Monthly Meeting, Swiss Park, Newark
Sat, July 11 : BSAOCNC Triples Ride, TBD
Sun, July 12 : Ride -TBA (I can't go to the Rally Ride)
Tues-Fri, July 14-17 : INOA Rally, North Carolina
Sun, August 02: Sacramento Swap meet
Thurs-Sun, August 13-16: Dardanelle Campout
Sun, September 06: Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup
Thurs, September 10: Monthly Meeting, Swinging Door,
Sat-Sun, September 12-13 : Highland Games, Alameda;
Sun, **September 13: Delta Ride**
Sat, October 03: Gold Country Curmudgeons' Girder Fork Ride,
Sun, October 04: AGM Ride & BBQ, Los Gatos Creek Park
Thurs-Sun, October 8-11: Classic Motorcycle Rally, SLO
Sun, October 11: Watsonville Car Show & Fly-in, Watsonville
Fri-Sun, October 30-November 1: IMS DISPLAY
Sun, November 01: Sacramento Swap meet
Sat, November 07: BSAOCNC All-British Ride, Novato
Sun, November 08: SCNOC 34th annual Hansen Dam Ride
Thurs, November 12: Monthly Meeting, Sonoma Chicken Co-
op, Campbell, Ca.
Sun, November 15: Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup
Sun, December 06: NCNOC Holiday Party
Sun, December 27: Freeze Ride

Remember to Join the CLUB Yahoo group for up to the minute details and or changes to club events. Get more details on rides and events on the club website

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