



The Norton Colorado

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Ever wonder what became of Twiggy?

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 1, 2012:

New Years Day Ride
Historic El Rancho
Restaurant & Tavern

<http://www.elranchocolorado.com/>

Sunday, January 15:

Toad Tavern
Littleton, CO

<http://www.toadtavern.com/>

Saturday, February 11:

Winter Banquet
Wynkoop Brewing Co.

<http://www.wynkoop.com/>

See page 13 for details on
these events!

WESTERN SLOPE:*

January 8, 2012

9 am - 1 pm

Vintage Swap Meet
Phoenix, AZ

*contact Gary Bolduc for
details

This is the time o' year when the ride reports slow to a trickle, but look for Eric Bergman's account of the Open Garage at Bones & Bridget's place starting on page 2. Amal's new, up-to-date Concentric is proudly displayed on page 7. A few of the more active Slopers went to Utah, and there's some photo documentation of that. A message from Chapter President Eric Bergman appears on page 14. Most of the rest of this issue is the usual pap I throw in when I'm short on quality content. What I'm getting at is: Send me stories! Rides! Projects! Add your voice!



Open Garage at Bones'

-Eric Bergman-

Bones Engelman opened his garage to the Norton Colorado hordes again this year. He's getting it down to a science, as there was a 6-foot long submarine sandwich waiting on the table, coffee service, soft drinks, cookies, doughnuts, salsa and chips waiting for us. He had the heater running and the garage was toasty, although it was a pretty mild day and would have been very comfortable in any case. A few lawn chairs and stools provided enough seating that there no fist fights over who stole whose chair. 13 members and several guests came, some in cars, some on bikes, including three Nortons, and eventually left but in the meantime we had a fine lazy middle of the day just noshing and chatting, kicking some tires, scratching itches, etc.



Bones yanks his crank, Scott looks manly in leather, Greg Boechler has the lumberjack look down.



Jonathan Chaikin wins the Akront rim toss, Mike Klimo acts out his Dirty Harry fantasy and Arnie Beckman, well... Arnie just plain looks the part.

Several of us brought stuff for the first "Norton Colorado Give Your Unwanted Crap Away" event, and there was a decent amount of interest in that. Bones grabbed several items I'd brought, including a ratty Roadster seat from which he wants the pan, a pair of old road racing boots with dayglo green trim, and an Eclipse tail bag that looked like it had been designed to go on his Commando, above the ammo can panniers. Bob Ohman went home with a fiberglass roadster tank and a Camelback I brought. Rick Black took a pair of well-used winter gloves (the very ones I was wearing in 2003 when I crashed out on C-470 with a stuck throttle) which were STILL better than the ones he rode in with. I snagged a Quaife gearbox shell and a nice clean kickstart shaft from the pile of gearbox parts that King Browne brought over. The shell needs a minor repair which I think Randy Albright can do for about a six-pack of good beer, or a case of swill. I also got from Bones an ancient Norton Repair Manual, covering all Norton models from 1932 to 1952. It should provide some useful info on the Norton Knockmaster. I would call it a modest success for a first edition of the event and I plan on calling one or two of these a year, probably in concert with a Tech Day or Open Garage type of event.



In a pleasant surprise, former club member Steve Green turned up and it was fun for many of us to catch up on his recent activities. Steve still has his Norton so perhaps he will deign to join the club again one of these days. He's living full-time up in the mountains these days and freely admits to becoming even more eccentric than he used to be, a disturbing notion to some. I think he feels that a bit more socializing would be good for him, so perhaps we'll see him more frequently in the future.

Bridget kept a low profile this year, but I am confident that thanks are due to her as well as Bones for the excellent hospitality we enjoyed.



Rick feels the love, Michelle feels the girth, Mike asks: "Do you feel lucky, punk???"

"The errors of a man are what make him really lovable."

— Goethe



Oh, Man!



I couldn't have said it better myself!

Rode a Norton	Rode Something Lesser	Got There
Rick Black Jonathan Chaikin Denny Westervelt	Bob Martin (BMW) Mike Klimo (Kawasaki) Arnie Beckman (Triumph) Debby Johnson (Ducati) Scott Robinson (H-D)	Eric Bergman James & Michelle Jones Bob Ohman Greg Boechler King Brown



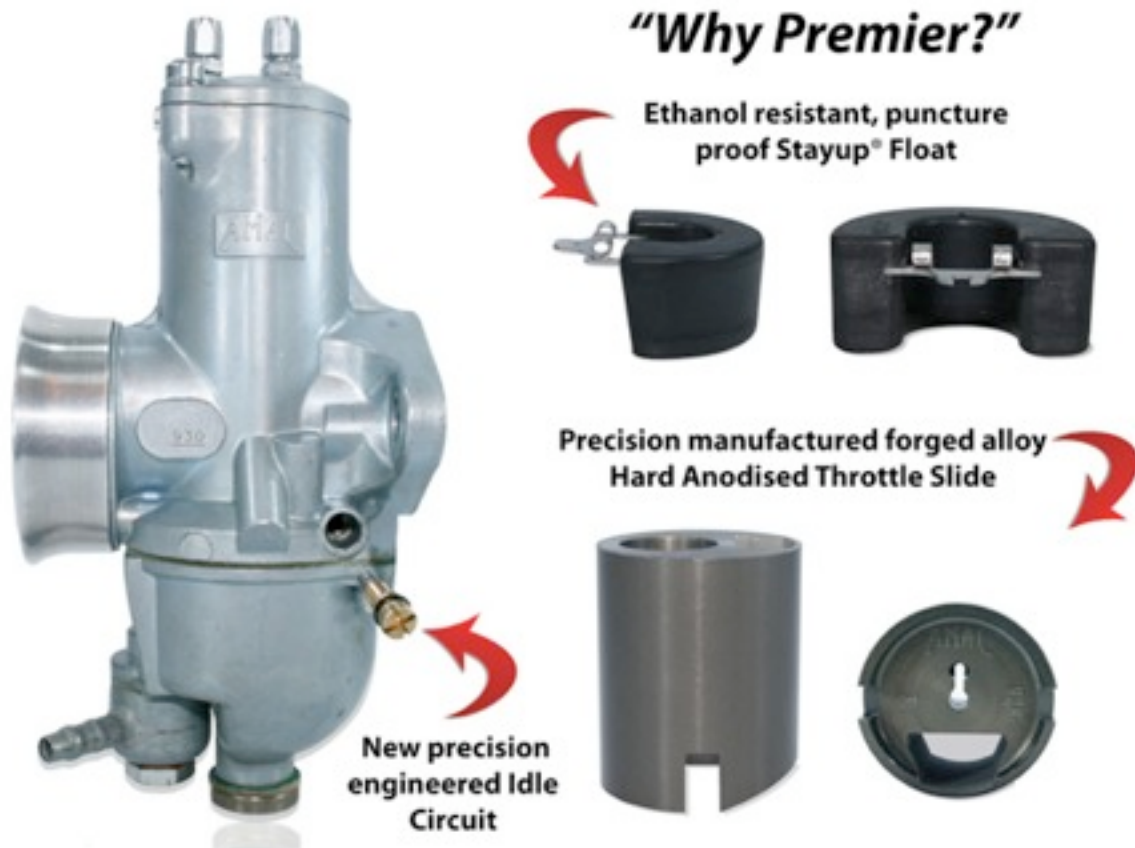
Amal Dashes into the Twentieth Century!

The AMAL Carburettor Company are pleased to announce the introduction of the new AMAL Premier MK1 Concentric Carburettor.

The 900 Series AMAL Carburettor for four stroke applications has been re-designed to improve performance and wear. The new carburettor incorporates changes in materials which reduce the rate of slide and body wear and a precision engineered idle circuit which improves the pick up performance from idle and reduces fuel consumption. The precision manufactured forged alloy, hard anodised throttle slide has a low friction surface for smoother operation and greater wear resistance. The material of the carburettor body has a "passivated" finish which resists corrosion, whilst the ethanol resistant, puncture proof StayUp float and viton tipped alloy needle valve improve control of the fuel flow.

A new easily removable pilot jet provides precise metering of the idle circuit. The jet, which is located in the opposite position to the pilot air screw, is manufactured to tight tolerances allowing it to be replaced with minimum disruption to the adjustment of the carburettor. Initially the size of the jet replicates the 622/107 pilot bush. Other sizes will be available shortly. Removal of the jet allows access to the rest of the idle circuit for servicing. The new jet cannot be fitted to earlier versions of the Mk1 Concentric.

The new carburettor is available in 28mm, 30mm and 32mm bore sizes and with right or left hand pilot adjustment.



For more information, send an enquiry via The QE2 or click here:
<http://www.amalcarb.co.uk/News.aspx?id=54>



Tooelle Trip



The photos on this page and the next arrived mysteriously and without narrative at the newsletter's editorial offices early in November. They depict Western Slope Riders on their recent junket to Tooelle, Utah. For further details, badger one of the members shown herein!





ANOTHER photo stop???



Fully laden and ready for anything!



Gratuitous Controversial Politics Page

Well, of course this newsletter is not the place to discuss religion, politics or Harley-Davidsons. But I'll let this month's mystery member (only a mystery to recently enrolled members) make his own statement. Our very own One Percenter!

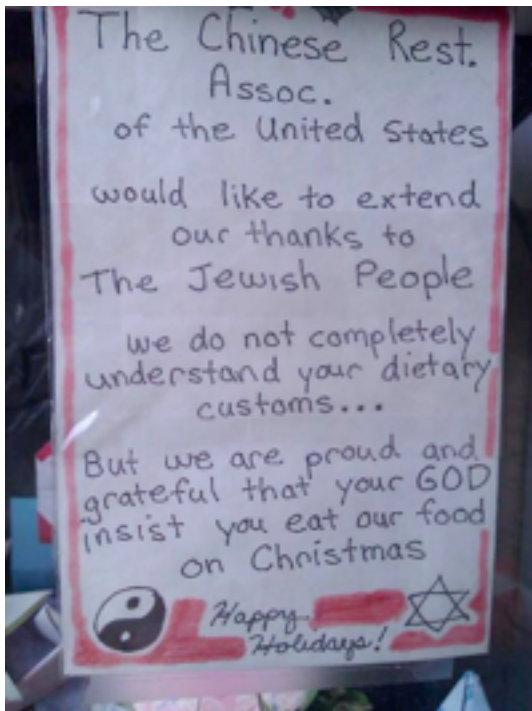


Norton Colorado Word of the Month

GOBSHITE - *dried nasal mucus. Used pejoratively about a person.*



It's here again: that magical season when we all strain to remind ourselves that it is better to give than to receive. Some of us find it a lot easier to receive, if only because we can't figure out what the hell to give our friends, loved ones and newsletter editors. I've asked motorcycle therapist and editorial advisor Dr. Dookey for a few suggestions to help make it a joiel noel for club members and their giftees. The following gift ideas are all **Dr. Dookey Approved!**



How about a traditional Christmas meal?

"C-string makes your average thong look like granny pants!"

EVER NOTICE THAT "WHAT THE HELL" IS ALWAYS THE RIGHT DECISION?
-Marilyn Monroe



“CB-6000 chastity belt for men. Built from medical grade polycarbonate plastic, it's a complicated looking cage that fits around and over a gentleman's tackle, rendering the entire lunchbox more or less ornamental, except for bathroom trips.” A tackle box for your favorite fisherman!



“I rather like the irony of the ‘woody’ myself,” offers Dr. Dookey, “but there are other options for the NRA ‘member’ or sci-fi fan on your list!”

“Drinking when we are not thirsty and making love all year round, madam; that is all there is to distinguish us from other animals.” — Pierre Beaumarchais



Membership

Membership in Norton Colorado is open to anyone, regardless of whether they own a Norton, or any motorcycle whatsoever. Dues are \$20/year individual, \$22 for a couple or family unit, payable to "Norton Colorado" and sent to the Treasurer, whose contact information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

The list on page 15 is the official membership, as understood by the Newsletter Editor on the date of publication of the newsletter. Please let me know if I have made an error.

The membership year begins with the Winter Banquet in February. New members who join after August 1 are credited with membership for the following year.

Western Slope Riders

*Many Norton Colorado members live in the western part of the state, and finally have noticed that it's inconvenient to ride 500 miles for High Tea on the Front Range. Said members have formed a loose confederation known as the **Western Slope Riders**, and are having their own High Tea and other fun times. All Norton Colorado members are welcome at these Western Slope events, so if you city kids want to find out what the shoe feels like on the other foot, plan to ride out and join the Western Slope contingent.*

Jan. 8, 2012:

Phoenix bike show and swap meet.

This is a British and European only event

Steel Horse Saloon

1768 W. Bell
(N.E. corner of 19th Ave. and Bell)
Phoenix, AZ

Contact: Gary Bolduc, President 303-877-9374



Club Events

The following events have been scheduled for the 2011 season. Participation in these events will be counted for the President's Award. The coming month's events are shown in red. Events may be added, dropped, or rescheduled through the year. **Watch this space!**

January 1, 2012: (Sunday)

New Years Day ride to Historic El Rancho Restaurant & Tavern. Tentative time 11 a.m. There may be a meeting point in Denver from which to ride up.

Details will be provided later

El Rancho Restaurant & Tavern

29260 US Highway 40
Golden, CO 80401
(303) 526-2300

<http://www.elranchocolorado.com/>

January 15, 2012: (Sunday)

Pub meeting at noon:

Toad Tavern

5302 S. Federal Circle
Littleton, CO 80123
(303) 795-6877

<http://www.toadtavern.com/>

February 11, 2012: Saturday)

Winter Banquet:

Wynkoop Brewing Co.

1634 18th Street
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 297-2700

<http://www.wynkoop.com/>



A Few Words from the Prez



Today I turned over the membership list, meaning former members who did not renew their memberships in 2011 have dropped off the membership page and I have started a new column for 2012 memberships. There are already 8 memberships set for 2012. I urge all of you to try to cut the check for 2012 dues now, rather than waiting until the Winter Banquet or for some thrillingly awful threat from me. Think how happy it will make Charley when she gets your check, and she's so lovely when she's happy! Dues are still the same, \$20 for a singleton, \$22 for couples, families, or whatever particular form your closest personal relationships take. Make checks out to Norton Colorado and send them to:

Charley Gremmels
1832 Forest Ave.
Durango CO 81301

If you are a new member of the club, please note that you may already be credited with 2012 membership if you joined after August 1, 2011. You can see if you've been so credited on the membership page. Let me know if I have made any mistakes.

As I was bringing the membership list up to date I discovered that we are up to **87 memberships!** That's a new high. Every one of you who has done something (including attending club events) to make this club worth joining should give yourselves a pat on the back, or if you are not limber enough for that, a big manly jostling of the family jewels. I hope to see some of the new members soon at club events and especially I hope to see some new Nortons turning up at our events in 2012.

Finally, speaking of events, we will be having the Winter Banquet in February 2012 at the Wynkoop Brewery, as we have for the past several years. The date has not been fixed yet but it is likely to be the second Saturday in February, the 11th. I anticipate that it will run very much like recent banquets. For those of you who've not attended a Winter Banquet, details will be published in the January issue of the newsletter.

We are still working on plans for the New Year's Day Ride and the Pub Meeting in mid-January. I'll broadcast information as it becomes available.



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Total	87	8	(I'm just counting memberships now, not number of people)		

* Joined after August 1, 2011; dues paid through 2012



If one is good, three is better!

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