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# Norton Colorado

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## Newsletter

February 2018



## Upcoming Events

See page 10 for the entire official 2018 events schedule. If you have any ideas for the 2018 official schedule, please contact Eric.

3/3 (Saturday): Group Ride or Museum Visit, depending on weather (Any ideas for where to go? Please contact Eric.)

### **Winter Banquet**

Saturday, February 3rd

Rock Bottom Brewery

See Pages 2 and 3 for more information

<https://rockbottom.com/locations/denver/>

Members bring in the new year with brunch at Steuben's Restaurant.



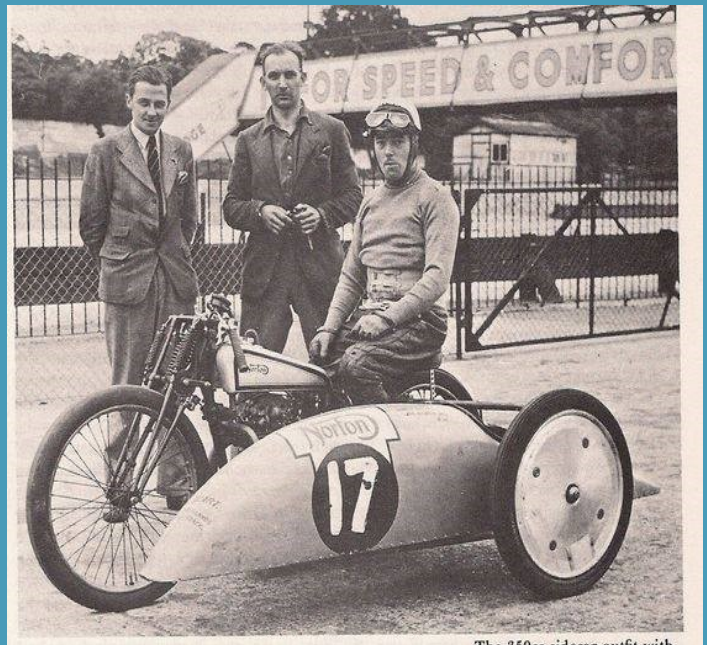
### RACING MOTOR CYCLES

**GOLD** Stars, 350 and 500, 1960 and 1961 models, used on road only.—Arnold Moore, Oxford Street Garage, Northgate, Huddersfield. [0161]

**BOB** KEELER, Ltd.—1955 350cc Manx Norton, many later modifications, hire purchase; £285.—125-131, Ealing Rd., Wembley, Middx. Tel. Wembley 9797. [0192]

**MIKE** HAILWOOD wishes to dispose of his well-known 500cc Norton, now we have just taken delivery of another one from Bill Lacey; this is an absolutely special machine, brought right up to 1960 and including a lot of the 1961 modifications during the winter; twin plugs with the choice of coil or mag ignition, and many other detailed improvements too numerous to mention; complete with fairing, sprockets, etc.; this is the machine that broke the lap record at Mallory at 90mph on 9th April, and was 2nd in the French Grand Prix; it has been gone over ready for practice in the Isle of Man, and will be available immediately the practice is over, or at Mallory on June 18th; this is an ideal machine for the Manx Grand Prix, and purchaser can have choice of 3-gallon sprint or 7-gallon tank, and, if necessary, we are willing to overhaul and tune it for a good rider 2 weeks before the Manx; price, £550; any road machine taken in part exchange.

**I**F anybody wants any spares at low prices, we have 1960 latest type 4-speed gear box; practically new racing magneto; 1.5/16in G.P. carburettor; 1 1/2in G.P. carburettor; no reasonable offer refused for the above; phone, call or write.—Hailwood, King's Motors, New Rd., Oxford. Tel. Oxford 43890. [C1171]



The 350cc sidecar outfit with

## Norton Colorado 2018 Banquet Set.

By Arnie Beckman

Norton Colorado's annual Winter Banquet will convene at a new location this year; Rock Bottom Brewery in Downtown Denver at 1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street (corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall & Curtis). We booked half of a private back barroom for the festivities for Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 beginning around 5:00 p.m. Drinks and informal socializing begin the evening and we anticipate Bruce Bouck and his ensemble set the evening's tone with their sounds beginning around that time. This time also presents a great opportunity to purchase Norton Colorado swag (calendars, t-shirts, etc.) on sale throughout the evening and for members to renew their dues for 2018 riding season. As in the past, the Club will collect a **\$10** charge at the door which covers all food as well as tax and gratuity on the meal. Like last year, drinks will flow as freely as your wallet allows from our own private bar and bartender.



Jack doing a voodoo dance to bless us with a good year of riding at last year's banquet.

We anticipate a buffet style dinner. Service begins around 6:00 p.m. The buffet dinner will feature a garden salad, "Mango Habanero Chicken" and "Makers Mark Grilled Salmon Fillet", mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, and a dessert. Unlimited coffee, tea and soft drinks are provided. After clearing the plates and returning from the bar, the Club President, will lead the business portion of the banquet and open the floor up for discussion on pressing issues. As in years past civility is the preferred decorum. As always, elections for any Club officer may be held during this portion of the evening. This typically results in no activity since for the past several years all Officers maintained their positions unchallenged. Any potential candidates interested in any elected Club position should send notice of the office they wish to hold, why they wish to hold it and a brief description of their qualifications to Eric or myself in advance of the banquet so the candidate's name may be added to the ballot. Any current office holders not wishing to continue in their post should also inform the Club in advance. (Rumor has it that the coveted role of "Road Captain" will be available.)

The meeting culminates in the awarding of the President's Trophy for the most persistent Norton rider in the Club over the previous year. The points tally is still out for this year's recipient but it looks as if Jack and Peggy Abeyta's iron grip on the President's Trophy may come to an end this year. Hopefully, Jack still breaks out his Banquet finest from his advance wardrobe even if he is not in the President's Trophy spotlight.

The infamous “gift exchange” returns this year. For those uninitiated, the “gift exchange” taps into the crudest and most base selfish human behaviors and pits “all against all” in a Machiavellian free for all. The “exchange” rewards theft and deceit as participants attempt to obtain and/or keep the most desired gifts in circulation. Participation only requires an attendee to bring a wrapped gift around \$20 in value which they will exchange for a numbered ticket upon entry into the Banquet. During the gift exchange random numbers drawn from a bowl send the ticket holder either to the pile of unwrapped gifts to select something to open or into the audience to steal a gift already selected and unwrapped by another. A gift may remain in play and available for the taking for two steals before its final recipient is settled. The more gifts for the exchange the livelier the event and gift items that prompt the most desire in patrons keep things exciting. For example, past gift exchange participants seem more interested in whiskey and other mind altering substances than tire irons. It’s not uncommon for some exchange participants to undergo an informal barter session after the exchange in a last ditch attempt to acquire their dream gift.

Finally, things wind down by around 9:00 p.m. as members mingle and slowly dissipate recharged and ready for another excellent season of Norton riding. We hope to see you all in attendance on February 3, 2018 at Rock Bottom Brewery.

*Ann Margaret is both cool and hot. Here's a few pics of her on Nortons.*





**Rode a Norton:**  
Jack Abeyta  
Mike Fields  
Debbie Johnson



**Rode something lesser:**  
Arnie and Amelia Beckman -  
- Triumph  
Kris Geller -- BMW  
Dennis Oberwetter --  
Triumph  
Tom Tallick -- BMW



**Got there:**  
Eric Bergman  
Jim Colt  
Dennis Horgan  
Jamie and Michelle Jones  
Bob Martin  
Bob Ohman  
Mike Powell  
Scott and Julie Robinson  
Lew Wackler



## James Lafler's still working on his 1929 H-D

I Know, I know,  
I called myself out approx. 11-1/2 months ago avowing to have a 1929 Harley Davidson fully fitted and running as my 2017 resolution. Now I have to eat crow : It didn't happen dang it. Too busy with work this year to devote major time to the project. Not to mention that practically almost every "basket case" part I had to work with needed some sort of restoration itself or replacement. Engine done. Frame done and in primer. Transmission done. Hubs done. Almost to the rim lacing stage. Working on clutch. Don't give up on me ! I promise! I promise! Thank You for Your Support....



**Motorcycle Stuff on the web:**

Greg Ray is selling some of his collection:

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/155432845@N06/EKw9D8>

Cool Norton short film:

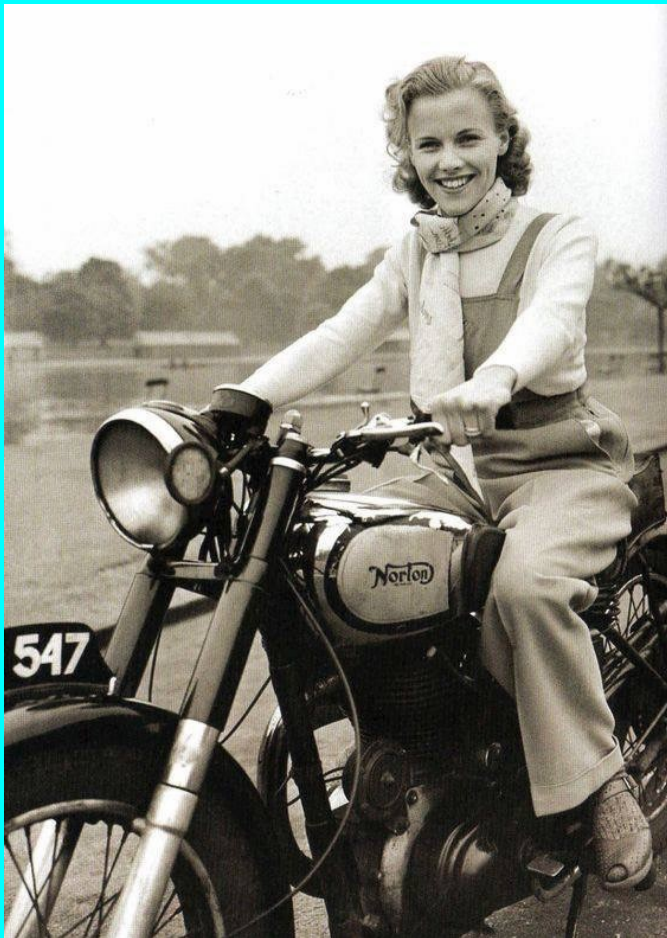
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXY1PgvdzrU&feature=share>

I expect many of you have seen this excellent reminiscence about Commandos by Peter Egan, but just in case...

<https://www.cycleworld.com/norton-commando-motorcycle-fifty-years-history>

Isle of Mann decorative metal signs:

<https://sammeroo.com/products/vintage-style-isle-of-man-motorcycles-decorative-metal-signs-20x30cm-iron-painting-bar-pub-wall-art-metal-plates-wall-decor>

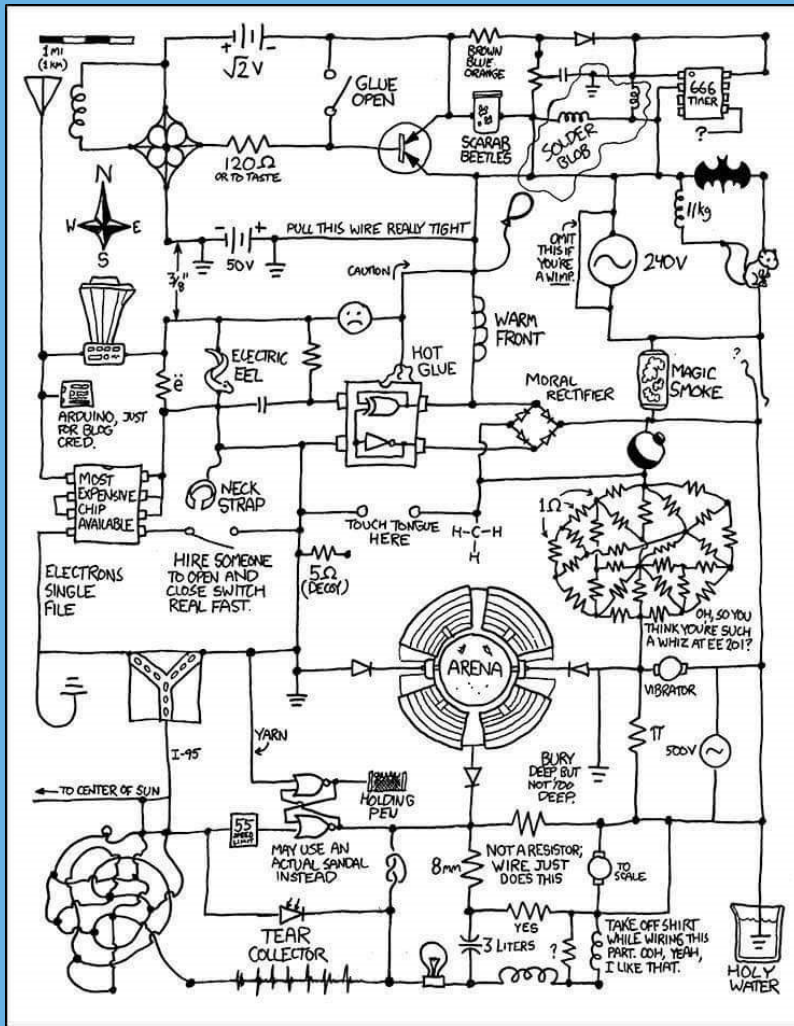


Honor Blackman, (aka Pussy Galore, as you James Bond fans know her) looking sexy on a Norton, circa 1949.



Not sure who she is, but she looks good on a Norton too.





Lucas schematic diagram for most Nortons. Feel free to download this and be ready for your next electrical project. If you've ever worked on your Norton's electrical system you will probably find this as useful as any other schematic.



It did not look that steep



Sloper Manx Special



## **News Flash: 2018 INOA Tall Timber Rally in Elma WA.**

**Flash:** - INOA Rally website is up and running at <http://nortonrally.com/>

**Flash:** - Registration form and on-line registration are available.

**Flash:** - Discounted motel reservations available at the StayBeyond Motel in Elma. Ask for Norton Rally. This motel SELLS OUT in July. The rooms are on a first come, first served basis only, we are unable to reserve a block of rooms, so make your reservation EARLY. Reservations can be made NOW!

You can always cancel. The StayBeyond has a 24 hour prior cancelation policy.

Check out the Norton Rally website under Accommodations for more information on lodging possibilities.

**We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 INOA Tall Timber Rally!**

For most frequent updates, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/450097545355918/> or <http://nortonrally.com/>

## **2018 Land O' the Pines Rallye**

**The 34<sup>th</sup> Land O' the Pines Rallye is at Diamond Don's Campground.  
September 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Rallye Chairman - Dennis Tackett**

**Al Lamb is our Rallye Grand Marshal.**

Aug 2017, for the first time ever Al Lamb and the World's Fastest Motorcycles competed on the Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia. The world's largest salt flat, at an elevation of 12,000ft. Al Lamb was on a quest to surpass his own 262.471mph FIM World Fastest Sit-On Motorcycle Record and break the 300mph barrier. However a competitor Ralph Hudson had the same idea. It was an epic fight for the title of "FIM World's Fastest Motorcycle". Al will be going back to Bolivia in July to break the 300mph barrier.

The rallye draws over 300 people displaying over 150 of the finest vintage motorcycles anywhere in the country. Join us at Diamond Don's Motorsports & RV Park which is just one mile outside of Jefferson, Texas. Participate in Friday's Field Events, display your bike in Saturday's bike show and ride in the Rolling Concours. Come enjoy a weekend full of great entertainment and fun.

This is a beautiful campground located in the woods of East Texas. It is only 1 mile north of Jefferson on Highway 49 with all its antique shops, stores, and restaurants. The campground sits on 100 acres and has 50 RV hook ups along with a dump station. There are clean restrooms and free Wi-Fi. The center of the campground has a huge covered pavilion with a stage, sound system, lighting, and a bar with a fridge. There is a large central open area that is perfect for our new field events being held on Friday and for our traditional bike show and rolling concours to be held on Saturday. As an added attraction there is a fenced in alligator pit!

If you are interested here's a link to follow to more information about the rally:

<http://www.ntnoa.org/18loprallye.htm>

## **Tentative Schedule for 2018**

Please check this out and feel free to contact Eric Bergman to suggest more ideas or to volunteer to host an event

### February

2/3 (Saturday): Winter Banquet

### March

3/3 (Saturday): Group Ride or Museum Visit, depending on weather

3/18 (Sunday): Pub Meeting: Streets of London

### April

4/8 (Sunday): Tech Day @ Bob Martin's

4/21 (Saturday): Group Ride & Shop Visit: Jesse Caraway's

### May

5/5 (Saturday): Group Ride

5/20 (Sunday): OBR 16

### June

6/3 (Sunday): BBQ @ Eric & Susie's

6/14-17 (Thur-Sun): Four Corners Rendezvous

### July

7/8 (Sunday): Mt Evans Ride & Brunch @ David Sheesley's

7/28 (Saturday): Group Ride

### August

8/4-5 (Saturday-Sunday): Wimpy Campout @ Jamie & Michelle Jones'

8/19 (Sunday): Group Ride

### September

9/7-9 (Friday-Sunday): Campout

9/16 (Sunday): English Conclave

### October

10/7 (Sunday): Plains Ride (Scott & Julie Robinson)

10/21 (Sunday): Tech Day

### November

11/4 (Sunday): Open Garage

TBA (Saturday): DU Hockey Night

### December

12/2 (Sunday): Pub Meeting

### January 2019

1/1 (Tuesday): New Year's Day Ride

1/13 (Sunday): Pub Meeting

## 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 official club membership list is posted on the club website. Please let Eric know if there is 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.

## Club Events

Many events have been scheduled for the 2018 season, usually about 2 per month. Participation in these events will be counted for the President's Award. Events may be added, dropped, or re-scheduled through the year. The schedule can be found in this newsletter or check the schedule on the club website:

<http://www.nortoncolorado.org/meetings.html>

## Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2017):

*points, events, solo rides*

Debby Johnson	89	14	25
Eric Bergman	82	18	18
Jack Abeyta	70	18	5
Scott Robinson	65	14	5
Peggy Abeyta	48	13	4
James Lafler	47	10	17
David Sheesley	41	9	9
Rick Black	37	8	0
Mike Fields	34	8	4
Bob Martin	30	18	0



## Current Occupants

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I also want to say thanks to others who sent me things I will use in future editions.

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