



WE'RE ALL HERE BECAUSE WE'RE NOT ALL THERE



Norton Colorado

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Newsletter

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1907 Isle of Man TT Winner

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.)

3/18 (Sunday): Pub Meeting: Streets of London Pub
1501 Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80218
<https://www.streetsoflondondenver.com>

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Norton Colorado's 2018 Banquet

This year's Norton Colorado Banquet continued in the tradition of past banquets in that we all laughed, visited, ate and drank and had a good time. We tried a new venue this year, The Rock Bottom Brewery on the 16th Street Mall in Denver. The food was excellent, and there was plenty of it, the beer and wine flowed freely and the wait staff were friendly and provided us with wonderful service. Thanks to Arnie, Eric and Charley for putting this together for the club.

The business part of the event was covered very quickly. Jack Abeyta had to finally pass on the coveted President's Trophy to Debby Johnson. He didn't seem to shed too many tears (at least not in public). Unfortunately, Debby had been struck by the flu bug and couldn't attend the banquet so Susie accepted the trophy for her. Well done, Debby. It was a tough competition, but Debby rode her Norton on over 25 solo rides and attended 15 club activities, usually riding one of her Nortons to each event. Other business included thanking several of us who have taken on some duties related to running the club. As always, the club can always use more people willing to volunteer some time. We can use a new Road Captain, for example.



Jack waving farewell to the President's Trophy he held for the last 4 years.

Finally, as usual, the gift exchange brought out our dark side. Gifts were "stolen" from other members without any signs of guilt. A few even were taken more than once. I managed to hold on to a bottle of Jack Daniels which I am looking forward to drinking. After having lost a bottle to other members three times in the past, I was pretty excited that my bottle survived. It must have been the fierce look in my eyes any time someone came close, Grrr. Other gifts included bottles of wine and liquor, books, a bike cover, tools, some rare Triumph and Norton Plaques, a trickle charger and other stuff.

If you missed this year's banquet you should plan on coming next year, rumor has it we might go back to the Rock Bottom again. You won't be disappointed.

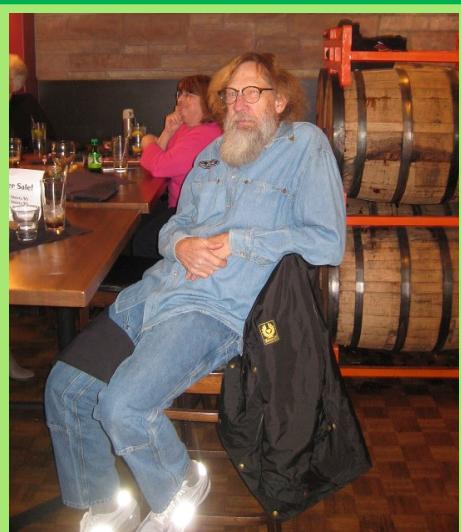


As usual, we ate, drank, and swapped bad jokes and funny stories. Typical Norton Club gathering, couldn't ask for more.



We're also a family friendly club. Here are the Beckmans (left) and the Chaikens (right). Will the 2 young ladies be taking over our club next?





There was entertainment for everyone,
from slow dancing to bar top dancing.

Too much fun, or just enough?



The Bruce Bouck Band, and their new lead singer entertained us to begin the evening.



I'd like to give a shout out to Susie for helping out in several capacities. It wasn't all work for her though, I did see her out on the dance floor having fun.



Susie stood in for Debby Johnson, and accepted the President's Trophy.



Susie was busy as she was also standing in for Charley in her role as treasurer.



Bob, in his role as Swag Boss, brought a bunch of club shirts for a clearance sale. Ken, being a newer member of our club needed a shirt or 2.



Speaking of bad jokes and funny stories, these guys are masters.



Not sure what I was saying to John here.



Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Team Nortons' Cannonball Performance Run 2018 Prep Min-Doc:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sX8G6kRlys>

Norton and antique parts, "Good guy and good quality ":

<http://customclassiccycleparts.com/>

Here is a free app that will track the maintenance on your motorcycle. Reasonably current IOS only.

bikeminder maintenance

<http://appadvice.com/shareapp/1024640003>

Texas Cee-gar - Land Speed Record - Australian Motorcycle News:

<https://amcn.com.au/editorial/texas-cee-gar-land-speed-record/>

This is for people who can't afford loud pipes:

<https://youtu.be/LUqh6xW2ISI>



Here's to having a howling good time monkeying around on your bikes this season. Happy trails.

For Sale 1995 Triumph

Thunderbird 900 \$1800

3 cylinders, 3 carburetors

2 seats (stock and Corbin)

Windscreen, small bags, Norton low bars

Approximately 8000 miles

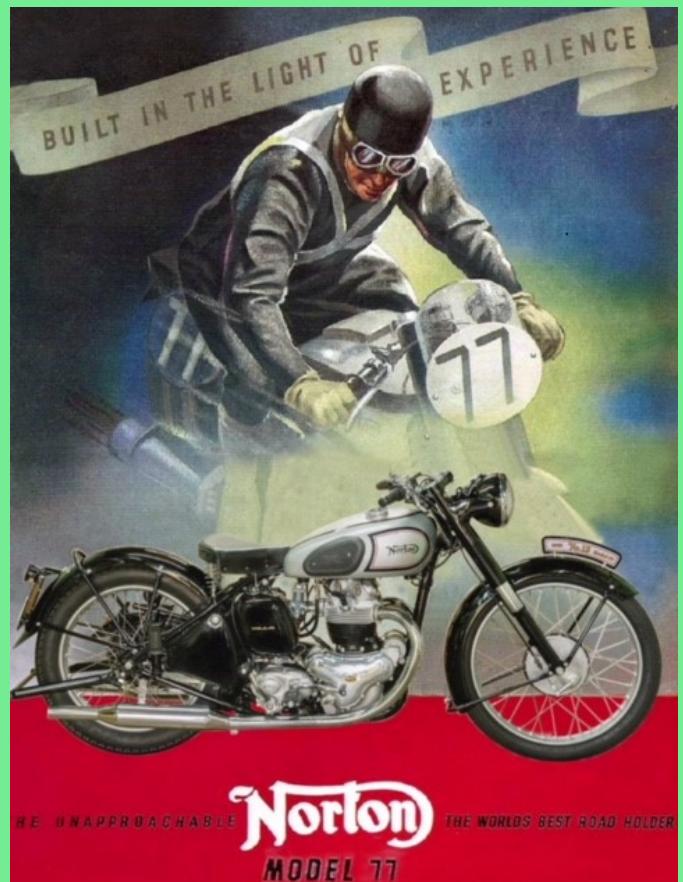
Top end redone by Eric's

Triumph factory shop manual

Stored in garage for last 8 years

Needs battery and carburetor cleaning

Herb Varona 303-420-5107



My Last Ride

While riding my Norton Commando, I swerved to avoid hitting a deer, lost control and landed in a ditch, severely banging my head.

Dazed and confused I crawled out of the ditch to the edge of the road when a shiny new convertible pulled up with a very beautiful woman who asked, "Are you okay?"

As I looked up, I noticed she was wearing a low cut blouse with cleavage to die for...

"I'm okay I think," I replied as I pulled myself up to the side of the car to get a closer look.

She said, "Get in and I'll take you home so I can clean and bandage that nasty scrape on your head."

"That's nice of you," I answered, but I don't think my wife will like me doing that!

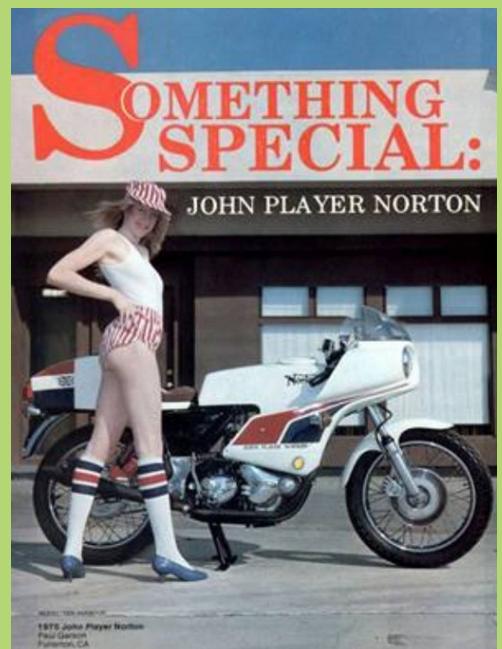
"Oh, come now, I'm a nurse," she insisted. "I need to see if you have any more scrapes and then treat them properly."

Well, she was really pretty and very persuasive. Being sort of shaken and weak, I agreed, but repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this."

We arrived at her place which was just few miles away and, after a couple of cold beers and the bandaging, I thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better but I know my wife is going to be really upset so I'd better go now."

"Don't be silly!" she said with a smile, while unbuttoning her blouse exposing the most beautiful set of boobs I've ever seen. "Stay for a while. She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

"Still in the ditch with my Norton, I'd guess."



It's about time to start planning your summer riding season.
Check out these event notices.

Jerry D's in Dacono has invited the Norton Club to Bike Nite May 30th, 2018 from 6:00 to 10:10 P.M. We can have a booth, there will be vendors there.

Is there any interest in adding this as an official event?
We'd need a volunteer "host" for this event.
Call Eric or Arnie.

2018 4 CORNERS RENDEZVOUS

(Yes, it is still going on all these years)

When: Thur.-Sun. June 14-17th

Where: Mavreeso Campground on West Fork Dolores Rd. (same as last year)
From Dolores stay on 145 North (toward Telluride) go 13.4 miles to West Dolores Rd. (the road will widen with a left turn lane and there is a green sign that says Dunton with an arrow on it) turn left go 6.1 miles to Mavreeso Campground. It is on the right. (We will have a group site for camping. If you set up in any other sites, you will have to pay for that site yourself.)

Who: Hosted by Western Slope Norton Riders and Norton Colorado.

Includes: Tent Camping, Morning coffee, Friday night green chili burritos and Saturday night brats and burgers, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, and the coveted paper plate awards. Amazing mountain roads and unbelievable, but true campfire stories. Fee is \$30.00 per person.

For further information contact Steve Harris at sharris@frontier.net
or call 970-946-1960.

(Please R.S.V.P. so we can figure food)

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 34th Land O' the Pines Rallye is at Diamond Don's Campground.
September 27th to 30th, 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.



Want to walk a mile in these shoes?

Norton Colorado is looking for someone to fill them and take over as our new Road Captain.

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 rescheduled 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](http://www.nortoncolorado.org/meetings.html)

Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2017):

points, events, solo rides

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|----------------|----|----|----|
| 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 |



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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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