



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



# Norton Colorado

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## Newsletter

June 2018



## Upcoming Events

See page 11 for the entire official 2018 events schedule. If you have any ideas for the 2018 official schedule, please contact Eric or Jack.

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

June 14-17 (Thur-Sun): Four Corners Rendezvous

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

"Professor" Jesse Carraway gave us quite a lesson in how to build a wheel. Here's my notes:



1. **Before dismantling the old wheel**
  - a. take pictures and document everything you see.
  - b. Measure the offset of the rim, they are not always centered.
  - c. Soak the nipples in penetrating oil to make it easier to take apart.
2. **Dismantle the wheel.** Be careful. Not all spokes are the same. Some are for pulling, some are static. There are innies and outies. They are not all the same shape or the same length. Start at the hole where the tire valve comes out.
3. Before you rebuild, plan ahead for the lacing. Spokes cross over each other and some go in from the front, others go in from the back and more. Check your pictures.
4. Coat all the threads of the new spokes with anti-seize or the "juice" that comes in new spoke kits.
5. If the spokes aren't fitting correctly you did something wrong.
6. True the wheel on a truing stand or on the bike. Check for true using a pointer lined up with the **inner** part of the wheel, not the outer rim.
  - a. Begin to tighten the spokes. Start at hole and go clockwise. Leave threads showing on all spokes. Keep going around, about an 1/8 turn each spoke until there is tension all the way around.
  - b. Center the hub. Tighten a few spokes to move it side to side. Remember to match offset of original. Tighten a few to move it up or down to center.
  - c. Keep going around clockwise tightening about 1/8 turn each time. Be gentle, don't round off the nipples. You may need to loosen some and tighten the opposites.
7. Keep Jesse's number on speed dial.



The Students



Jesse has some projects going in his very nicely equipped shop.



The Shop



These are a few of Jesse's completed projects.

Jesse Carraway -- host

**Rode a Norton:**

- Jack Abeyta
- Arnie Beckman
- Mike Fields
- Kris Geller
- Scott Robinson
- David Sheesley

**Rode something lesser:**

- Eric Bergman - Laverda
- Peter Geise - Triumph
- Marc Lomax—Ducati
- Jo Teague - Honda
- Denny Westervelt - HD

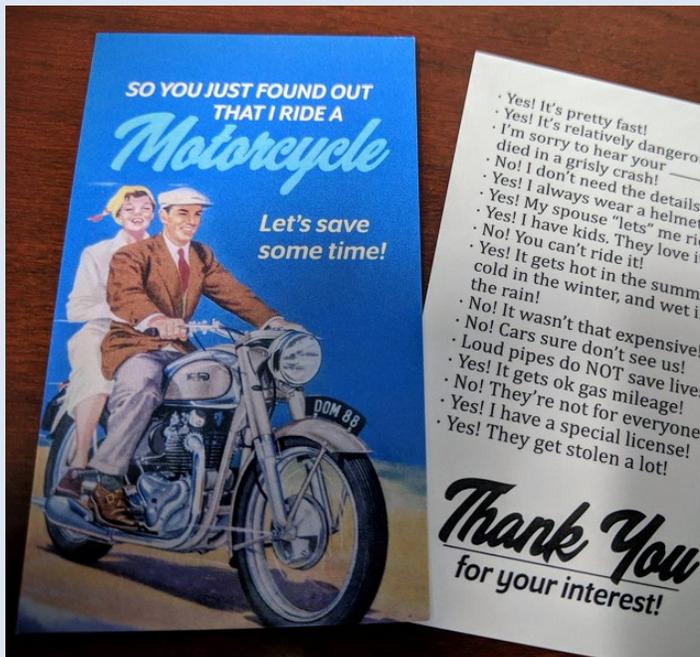
**Got there:**

- Dennis Horgan
- Keith Hurtubise
- Frank Puckett



Can you fit all 3 girls on a Norton?

It'd be a shame to have to choose between them.



- Yes! It's pretty fast!
- Yes! It's relatively dangerous!
- I'm sorry to hear your died in a grisly crash!
- No! I don't need the details!
- Yes! I always wear a helmet!
- Yes! My spouse "jets" me ride!
- Yes! I have kids. They love it!
- No! You can't ride it!
- Yes! It gets hot in the summer, cold in the winter, and wet in the rain!
- No! It wasn't that expensive!
- No! Cars sure don't see us!
- Loud pipes do NOT save lives!
- Yes! It gets ok gas mileage!
- No! They're not for everyone!
- Yes! I have a special license!
- Yes! They get stolen a lot!

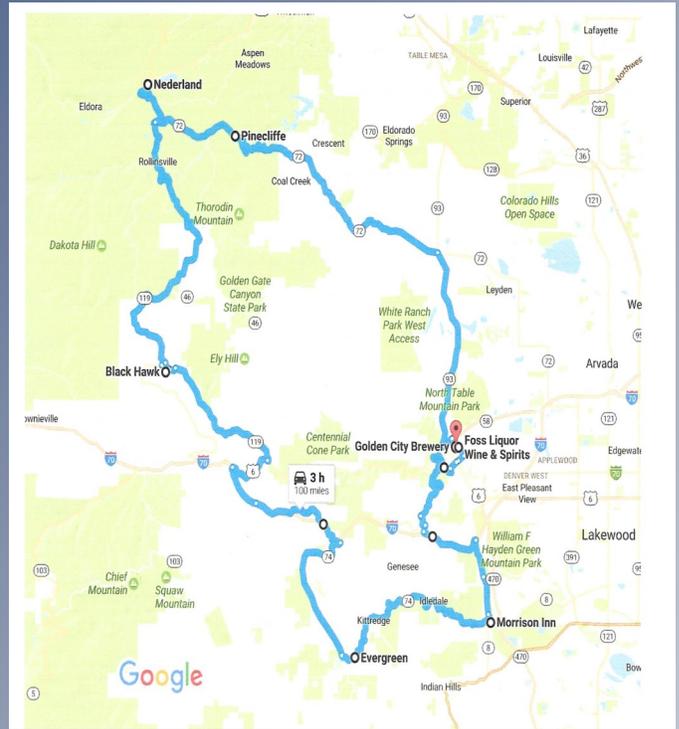
**Thank You**  
for your interest!

## Old Bike Ride 16

This year's OBR was a 2 day event due to some miserable weather on the original ride day. A week later the weather was perfect for a ride in the Rockies.



These hearty souls showed up day 1 despite the weather.



OBR 16 route



Some nice bikes made the ride as usual



OBR is always entertaining, there were girls to watch as well as bikes



Some nice people made the ride also



### *Would you ride this??*

I believe this is a rotary valve two stroke which would probably be a 60s Kawasaki 250 or 350. They were really powerful. As I remember they were called the Avenger or Samurai. One of the 60s crop of Japanese mid range two strokes.



Motor Sports Movie Stream

## Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

She's 92 and still riding:

<https://biggeekdad.com/2018/04/motorcycle-grandma/>

Cool video, 1948 500cc Norton:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmjsiwLt1Sw>

Another cool video, 1934 Norton:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZLU1d-0tk>

An essay on motorcycle suspensions:

<https://www.cycleworld.com/motorcycle-front-suspension-has-roots-in-airplane-landing-gear>

### **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 Erico's  
Triumph factory shop manual  
Stored in garage for last 8 years  
Needs battery and carburetor cleaning  
**Herb Varona 303-420-5107**

### **Norton Parts Depot Deal**

We are offering the pair of Norton Atlas wheels in very good condition.

Dunlop rims and includes brake backing plates and axles  
\$150.00 for the pair

Call/text Bob Ohman  
303-570-9333

These wheels were donated to the The Cause by Bob Martin.  
Thanks Bob!



#### **HOW TO RIDE MOTORCYCLES** 1962 Safety Rules from Honda

Taken from a 1962 Honda Motor Cycle Instruction Book. Translated by Honda for the American Motorcycle Rider

1. At the rise of the hand by Policeman, stop rapidly. Do not pass him by or otherwise disrespect him.
2. When a passenger of the foot, hooves in sight, tootel the horn trumpet melodiously at first. If he still obstacles your passage, tootel him with vigor and express by word of mouth, warning Hi, Hi.
3. Beware of the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him. Do not explode the exhaust box at him. Go smoothly by.
4. Give big space to the festive dog that makes sport in roadway. Avoid entanglement of dog with wheel spokes.
5. Go soothingly on the grease mud, as there lurks the skid demon. Press the brake foot as you roll around the corners, and save the collapse and tie up.

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

**2018**

**4 CORNERS**

# **RENDEZVOUS**

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

**When:** Thur. -Sun. June 14-17<sup>th</sup>

**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](mailto: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 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>

## 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

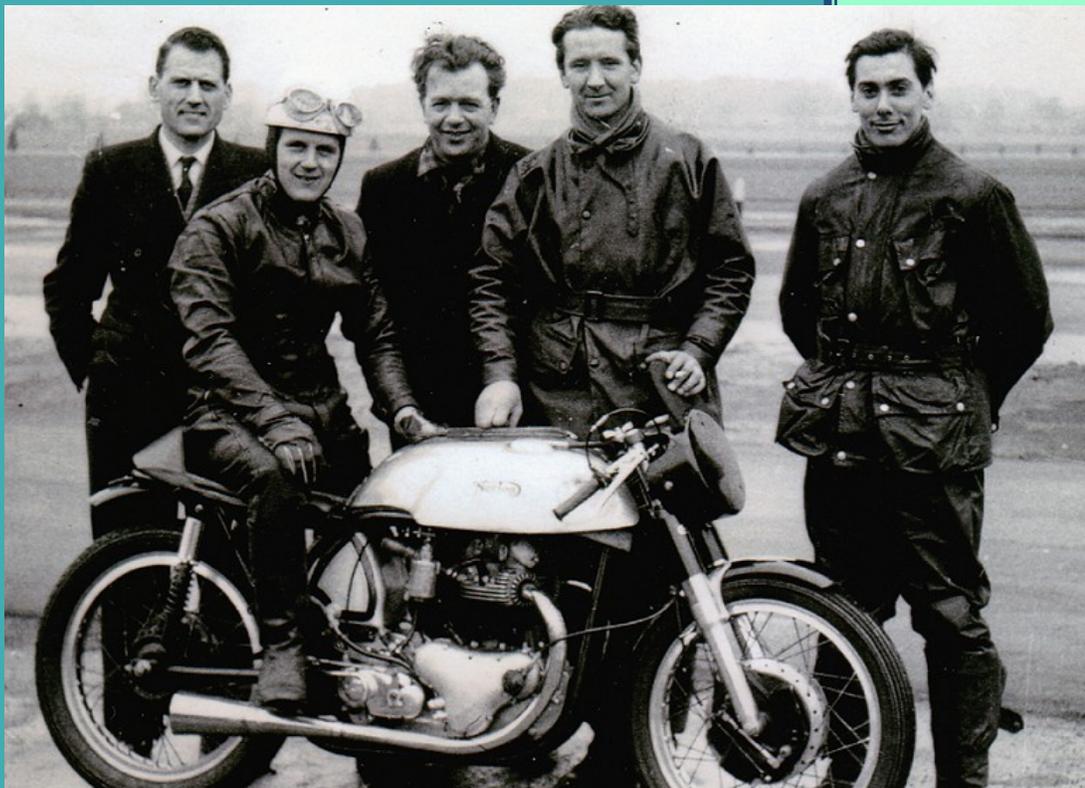
Many events have been scheduled for the 2018 season, usually about 2 per month. Participation in these events will be counted for the President's Award. Events may be added, dropped, or re-scheduled through the year. The schedule can be found in this newsletter or check the schedule on the club website:

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

## Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2018):

*points, events, solo rides*

|                |    |   |   |
|----------------|----|---|---|
| Jack Abeyta    | 16 | 4 | 0 |
| Scott Robinson | 15 | 4 | 2 |
| Arnie Beckman  | 13 | 4 | 0 |
| Mike Fields    | 12 | 4 | 0 |
| Peggy Abeyta   | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| Rick Black     | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Bob Martin     | 8  | 4 | 0 |
| David Sheesley | 7  | 2 | 1 |
| Eric Bergman   | 6  | 4 | 0 |
| Tom Tallick    | 6  | 4 | 0 |



## Current Occupants

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(My new job title reflects my role in the Parts  
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**Credits:** Thanks to Eric Bergman, Peter Chronis, Dennis Horgan, Bob Martin and Craig Terry for their contributions to this newsletter.  
I also want to say thanks to others who sent me things I will use in future editions.

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