



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



Norton Colorado

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Newsletter

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This picture from Bob Ohman sparked a moment of nostalgia for Eric, "I went through that doorway in 1971 when I bought my first Norton from Dunstall's shop."

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.

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

7/28 (Saturday): Group Ride

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

Norton Club Annual BBQ Hosted by Susie and Eric Bergman

Once again the Bergman's hosted a great BBQ for the Norton Club and guests. This yearly event has become one of our favorites of the year, as judged by the huge group that shows up. If anyone left hungry or thirsty it was their own fault. There was enough food and drink for an army of hungry bikers. The variety of food was enough to satisfy anyone. As always the conversations were fun and interesting, the bad jokes flowed like the beer, and there were enough variety of bikes to qualify as a vintage bike show. If you missed this one, I'm sure there will be another one next year for you to attend. You should plan on it.



Rode a Norton:
Jack and Peggy Abeyta
Arnie Beckman
Rick Black
Jonathan Chaikin
Mike Fields
Kris Geller
Gary Hopkins
Jamie Jones
Jeff Kovacik
Scott Robinson





Rode something lesser:
 Peter Allen -- Vincent
 Jim Colt -- Honda
 Keith Hurtubise -- HD
 Debbie Johnson -- Suzuki
 Ron Pierce -- Kawasaki
 Dennis Oberwetter -- Triumph
 Julie Robinson -- HD
 Al and Barb Slarks -- BSA



Apparently old motorcycles make great helmet and coat racks.

Got there:

Randy Albright
 Stephanie and Amelia Beckman
 Vicky Borden
 John Boyd
 Peter Chronis
 Michelle Jones
 Mark Liu and Geri Molettieri
 Bob Martin and Judy
 George Nachtsheim
 Bob Ohman
 Mike Powell
 Scott Shuler
 Richard Starkey
 Herb and Karen Varona
 Martin White





Jeff Kovacik is one of our newer members, He is behind his very nice 1951 Norton. The trophy was for best of show in one of the vintage bike shows the weekend of the BBQ.





Electric Leg Part 1 by Debby Johnson

Increasing troubles with my knees over the last few years, especially my right knee, have led me to decide I shouldn't be kickstarting motorcycles anymore. After some herd downsizing, all that is left are bikes equipped with magic buttons. Except for the Nortons. This Spring I finally decided the time had come for an electric starter on at least one of the Nortons as well. The 750 is my favorite of the two bikes, so I chose it for the upgrade.

There are two kits currently available to choose from: the Alton and the CNW kit. Both are good products and are available for about the same price. I chose the CNW kit in large part due to Matt's superb customer service and support.

So I made the call and took the hit on my credit card. A few weeks later, Big Brown delivered a large box to my front door (yes, we have daily UPS service even out here in the wilderness). Shipping weight 29 lbs, battery not included. I decided to go with a Shorai, as it only weighs 2 lbs. Will it work reliably even in our long, cold Colorado winters? We will see.



Workmanship on the parts is amazing. The pieces are so beautifully machined and finished that I almost felt like putting them on display on my bookshelf instead of installing them! The kit is very complete, including virtually everything needed for the job, even down to new chaincase bolts and tab washers, new Belleville washers for the rotor and clutch hub, a new rotor nut, etc. The kit includes a belt drive system and the new clutch basket comes with a new clutch center, already installed in the basket, ready to go. The clutch center is of their own manufacture and unlike the new Andover Norton ones, it actually fits. No re-work necessary. Instructions included with the kit are very detailed and clearly written.



After taking inventory, I kicked the bike up one last time, took it for a ride, put it on the lift and drained all the fluids. The first step is to remove the existing primary drive in its entirety. The kit includes a new inner chaincase and you reuse your old alternator, outer chaincase, and clutch pack. The inner chaincase, clutch basket and center, engine sprocket, and chain all went into the spare parts tub. I suppose somebody could build a new bike around them some day. Somebody with a healthy knee.

Matt recommends a three phase alternator to keep the battery charged up. I was going to try using my original 120 watt Lucas alternator and see if it was good enough, but when I removed the stator I noticed the lead wires had bare wire exposed and were about to break off where they exit the stator's potting. This can be repaired, but the process is very labor intensive, so I got out my credit card, called Matt again, and got a new three phase alternator kit on the way. The old damaged stator goes into my useless parts box, along with the zener diode, bridge rectifier, and 2MC capacitor. Those parts have served faithfully for almost 50 years and can now enjoy a well-deserved retirement.





The first step of the installation was to dry-fit the new inner chaincase so it could be shimmed to the stud and so the clutch basket could be shimmed. New shims for both are included. Then it came back off to loosen up the gearbox and rear wheel, install the new gasket (also included), and bolt it up for real.

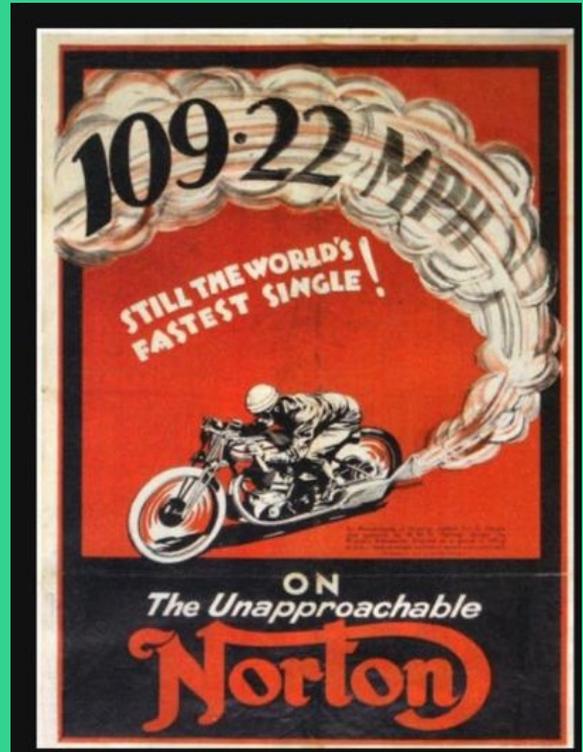


And that's where I am at article submission deadline. Next month we'll take a look at all the new pieces and get them put into place. Stay tuned!

Here's another possible solution to the same problem of old knees. It's a pneumatic assist for your kickstarter.



KickMagicStarter.com



Commemorating a new flying Kilometer speed record set by Bert D



Riverside Run #29 was a success ! Rainy here and there but absolutely beautiful.

Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Guys from the Texas Norton Club. Richard has a house dedicated to motorcycles.

<https://youtu.be/3sX8G6kRlYs>

1972 Commando video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi9xHFOeBJg>

The Story of Seventies Superbikes

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

Here's a link to a Norton online forum:

<https://www.accessnorton.com/>

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!

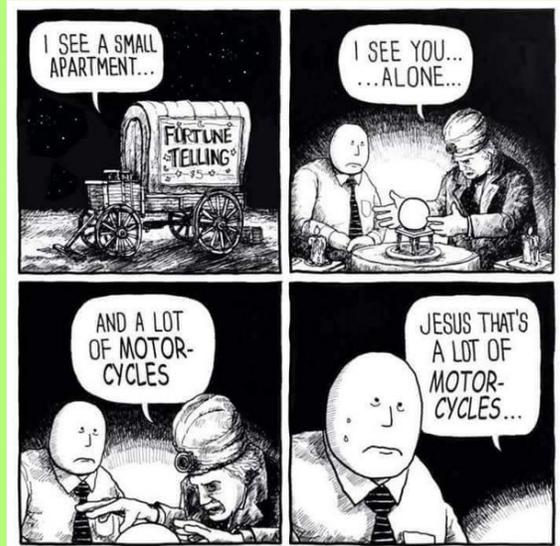


New Norton at the TT .



THE NEW SENIOR PICKUP LINE
 An elderly gentleman walks into an up-scale cocktail lounge. He is in his mid-eighties, very well-dressed, hair well-groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel and smelling slightly of an expensive after shave. He presents a very nice image.

Seated at the bar is a classy looking lady in her mid-seventies. The sharp old gentleman walks over and sits alongside her. He orders a drink and takes a sip. He slowly turns to the lady and says:
 "So, tell me ... do I come here often?"



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IL FASCINO IMMUTATO DEL MOTOGIRO

La rievocazione mantiene un respiro internazionale e richiama moto e appassionati da tutto il Mondo

SPESSO mi viene chiesto: «Ma ci vai ancora in motocicletta?». La domanda sottintende ovviamente un "alla tua età" che viene lasciato per gentilezza, ed è per questo che alla mia regolare risposta affermativa corrisponde sul viso dell'interlocutore di turno un'espressione di ammirata approvazione o, viceversa, di malcelato cinismo. Insomma, epinime diffuse è che a un certo punto dell'esistenza, quantificabile in un'età oltre il traguardo storico dei 60 anni e seconda già dell'apparente felice che della sostanza, la motocicletta la si debba vendere e lasciare in garage. Tutti seduti non in sella, ma in panchina e controllare, un po' rincoglioniti, gli sviluppi dei lavori nei cantieri.

Bella! Se c'è un'innocenza della vita in cui bisogna essere realisti al massimo è proprio l'età in cui si passa dalla maturità avanzata alla prima vecchiaia. E la motocicletta è senz'altro uno strumento tra i più efficaci per contrastare la senilità precoce. Ci sono quelli, come me, che si accontentano di guardarla ancora regolarmente con la massima scodistazione senza strafare. Ci sono altri che invece la utilizzano come il Viagra per eccitarsi al pericoloso pensiero che gli anni non siano passati. Infine ci sono motociclisti maturi e anziani che, miscelando un ideale romantico della moto a una pas-

sione immutata nel tempo, e a un po' di nostalgia, tornano periodicamente in sella a moto d'epoca per rivivere eventi mitici, capaci di emanare ancora un coinvolgente fascino.

DOMENICA 6 maggio ero in piazza a Brinighetta, il paese in cui vivo - uno dei "Borghesi belli d'Italia" - in attesa dell'arrivo dei partecipanti alla ventesima edizione della rievocazione storica del Motogiro d'Italia. Ero curioso di vedere un po' questi personaggi, capire le motivazioni, constatarne l'età e la provenienza, e infine osservare e "catalogare" le moto che avevano scelto come compagne dell'impresa. Venivano da Rimini e stavano per concludere la loro fatica dopo 2600 chilometri abbondanti, in buona parte sotto una pioggia battente, percorrendo con indomita grinta gli ultimi 300 km verso il traguardo finale di Borgo Panigale, sede della Ducati, da dove avevano preso il via in 128 - in maggioranza stranieri, pensate un po' - sei giorni prima. Del Motogiro autentico, quella che annualmente si disputa dal 1953 al 1957, con la partecipazione di specialisti del Gran Fondo come Tartarini, Francisci, Tassinari e anche di campioni della Velocità internazionale, come Piovini e Venturi, ormai è rimasta soltanto il nome, e di questo la società organizzatrice, il benemerito Moto Club Terni, intitolato

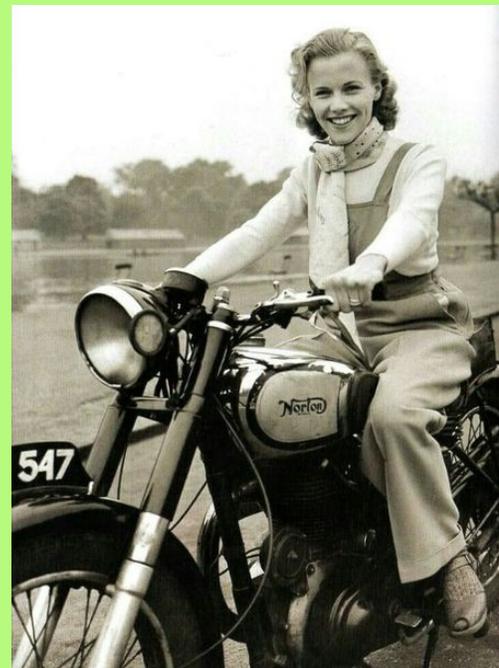
ai suoi assi indisti Libero Liberati e Paolo Pileri e presieduta da Massimo Mansueti, non ha ovviamente alcuna colpa.

Il vero Motogiro, oggi irrispettabile, è un sogno, un mito, uno sberleffiato che richiama ogni anno motociclisti un po' da tutto il Mondo, offrendo loro un virtuale tacco all'indietro nel tempo, tanta fatica - questo è forse l'unico punto di contatto con i piloti che partecipavano alla "grande corsa a tappeto" più di sessant'anni fa - e l'occasione per convivere per una settimana pacifica, ambiziosa, spirito competitivo e fuga dalla noiosa quotidianità.

QUEST'ANNO il programma, messo a punto dal Moto Club Terni in collaborazione con il comprensorio "Motor Valley", un ente costituito dalla Regione Emilia-Romagna per valorizzare le sue tradizioni e la sua esclusiva eccellenza motoristiche, era particolarmente alllettante: visita al museo Ferrari di Maranello, alla collezione Salsapaglia di Massenzano, alla Pagani di Modena, fabbrica di automobili di massimo prestigio, e ovviamente alla Ducati, Tappo e Bologna, a Parma e a Rimini e puntate, pure queste ombrosissime, al autodromo di Varano de' Melegari, Tronka e Misano. Il tutto senza trascurare l'aspetto competitivo perché, come la rievocazione impone, il Motogiro deve sempre avere alla fine un vincitore assoluto e un primo classificato per ogni classe.

Rombi di scarichi aperti - quelli scoppiettanti dei due tempi e quelli cupi, pieni, con "ritornello" dei quattro tempi - mi annunciavano poco dopo mezzogiorno l'arrivo dei primi concorrenti a Brinighetta. Nell'arco di una trentina di minuti sono arrivati tutti, dandomi modo di soddisfare tutte le mie curiosità. Conosco dai personaggi.

Guidato da Celso Pellissimi, il "grande comunicatore" del Moto Club Terni, ho conosciuto una gentile motociclista



Tre protagonisti del Motogiro: a sinistra la neozelandese residente alle Hawaii Robin Webster (Morini 175), a destra il polacco Brzyski (Konica/Benelli 650) e il britannico Nawal Saighal (Indian 1620).



Robin Webster made an appearance in an Italian magazine article about the Moto Giro d'Italia. That's her. #28, on the Moto Morini 175.

Our old friend, Greg Ray, is entering a new dimension. (Looks like fun!!)

Greetings fellow motobikers:

My life has entered a new dimension. No more choke, retard, kick. On April 12th, 2018 I sold 55 motorcycles and 50 years worth of accumulated motorcycle parts. The gentleman who purchased this runs a e-bay site under the name of e.b.v.c "east bay vintage cycle." This sale consisted of all my british parts bikes and and Japanese stuff. 5 nice british bikes also left. Being the salesman, I still have 25 motorcycles for sale for those interested.



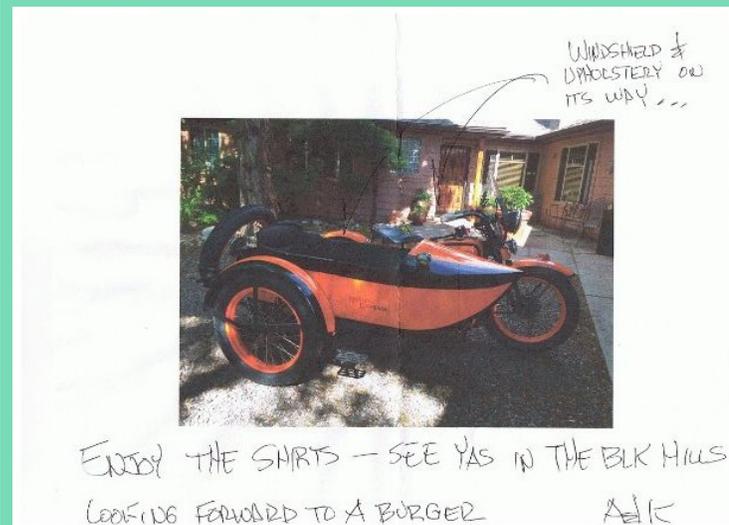
I made a one week impulse buy of a 2013 Morgan 3-wheeler as I had a pocketfull of money. Needless to say, Linda is not convinced that this was my smartest idea. She and me rode "drove?" the Morgan on our 1st ride from Lewistown to Great Falls for the MRRR. I had to work Thursday, so we met everybody in Augusta for lunch Friday noon. As always, good to see old faces and new at this tour along the Missouri. Linda and I plan to attend this cycle experience indefinitely!!

The 3Morgan, Linda and I are attending Don Gordon's ride this weekend. June 29th, 30th, and July 1st in Drumheller, Alberta. I upgraded my red trailer pingles and tiedowns to accommodate Morgan. Hopefully, everything works as supposed to. Enclosed is a picture of us in front of one of the stops on the MRRR.

Also Enclosed is a picture of my old 1936 vlh . Al has done a wonderful job of putting it together and making it look pretty!

As always, please leave your politics and religion at the bar and church.

Ride Safely, Gregorio



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/>

*Due to unforeseen
circumstances the
dates of the 2018
34th Land O' Pines
Rally has changed*

2018 Land O' the Pines Rallye

The 34th Land O' the Pines Rallye is at Diamond Don's Campground.
October 11th through October 14th.

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



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>

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.

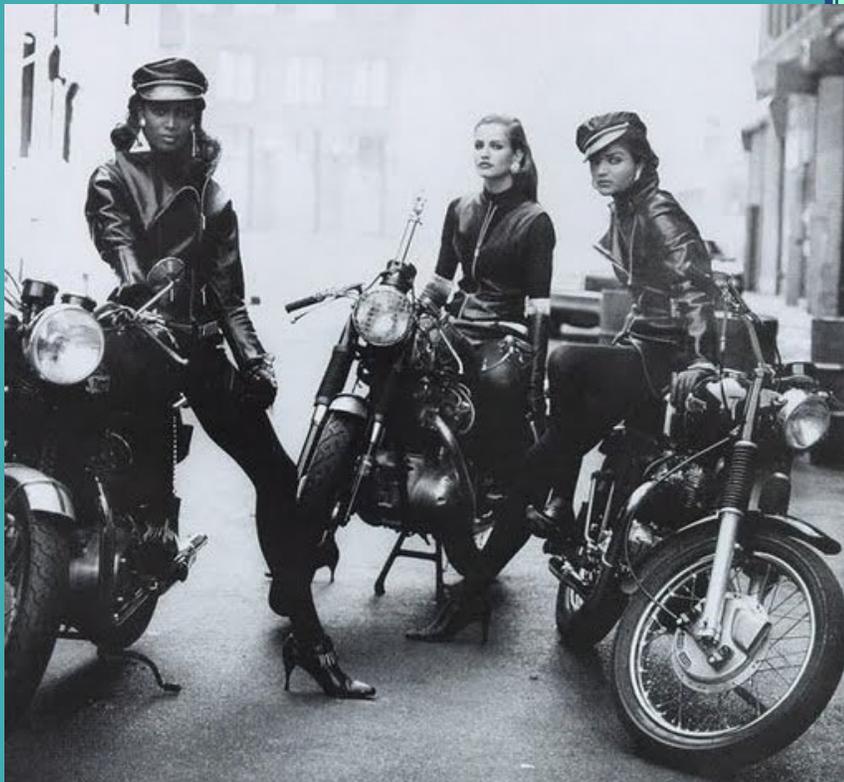
The membership year begins with the Winter Banquet in February. New members who join after August 1 are credited with membership for the following year.

Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2018):

points, events, solo rides

Jack Abeyta	31	7	0
Arnie Beckman	28	7	0
Mike Fields	27	7	0
Scott Robinson	26	6	3
Peggy Abeyta	21	5	0
David Sheesley	19	4	3
Kris Geller	18	5	0
Eric Bergman	18	7	0
Rick Black	15	3	0
Jim Colt	12	6	0

These girls look bad. Check out those stilettos.



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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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