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Norton Colorado

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

See page 6 for the entire official 2018 events schedule.

11/4 (Sunday): Ric and Joy Landeira have volunteered to host the Open Garage on November 4.
12373 Niwot Rd.
Niwot CO 80504

11/17 (Saturday): DU Hockey Night 7PM
DU takes on last year's National Champions
Minnesota Duluth .
<https://denverpioneers.com>

Paul-M David takes advantage of tech day at King Browe's shop to get his Norton ready to ride after a long hiatus. Looking at the ear-to-ear grin on his face I'm guessing that he's getting close to completing his project.

Plains Ride 2018

After a one week postponement this year's Plains Ride went well. The weather was beautiful and I, on my Norton, was joined by Eric (Laverda), Jim Colt, (KTM), Mike Fields (HD), Bob Martin (Mustang), Dennis Oberwetter (Triumph), and Mike Powell (Triumph). James Lafler (Mustang) and Steve Siler (Norton) met us at Jerry D's for lunch and the usual banter. Eric and I think this was the 15th year for this fun ride.



Dave Webster is off to the races

Dave Webster's putting a Kawasaki triple (400cc I think) in a featherbed frame.

"Getting there. Pixies and carbs and tank and seat mounts and rear brake hooked up and a little bit of wiring, mostly just hooking up what's already in. Off to Barber wish me luck ."





Fall Tech Session

Hosted by
King Browne

We had a new venue for this year's fall tech session, Moto Works Denver, King Browne's shop. King has been in business for about a year and a half now. There are 2 mechanics working on bikes or you can rent space and work on your own. He rents by the 1/2 day, full day or for a month with full access during work hours. There is a large assortment of tools at your disposal as well as lifts and I assume most anything you would need for most projects. (You'll have to ask King for more details.) Also, included is the opportunity to pick King's brain for any help you might need.

For this year's tech session we had 2 projects underway. Paul-M David was in the process of getting his Norton roadworthy and Jo Teague was building a pair of forks for his Norton. Both gave the rest of us the opportunity to watch, offer advice and learn. King also gave Jack, Peggy and I a quick lesson on rebuilding a Mikuni carburetor.



A pretty typical scene from any tech session, one guy, David, bent over and working on a bike and 5 guys watching and offering advice, or something like that. (To be fair, Jo is holding one of his newly rebuilt fork legs, so there were actually 2 guys working.

Rode or worked on a Norton

Jack and Peggy Abeyta

Rick Black

Paul-M David

Jo Teague

Rode something lesser

King Browne -- BMW

Peter Geise -- Triumph

Tony Haggart -- Triumph

Dennis Oberwetter -- Triumph

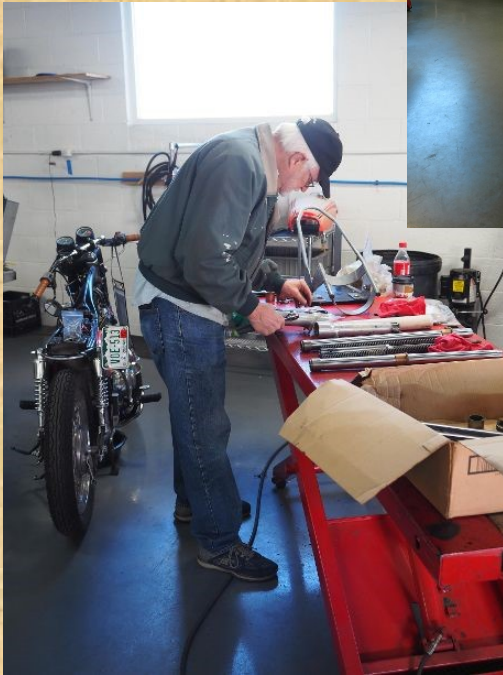
Scott Robinson -- HD

Tom Tallick -- BMW

Got there

Eric Bergman

Dennis Horgan



Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

NEW 2018 Norton Commando 961 - Updated Classic Styling Retro Motorcycle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umWfB-pJ84g>

Norton prepare for the Isle of Man TT Races 1948

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Peosoe-Nzk>



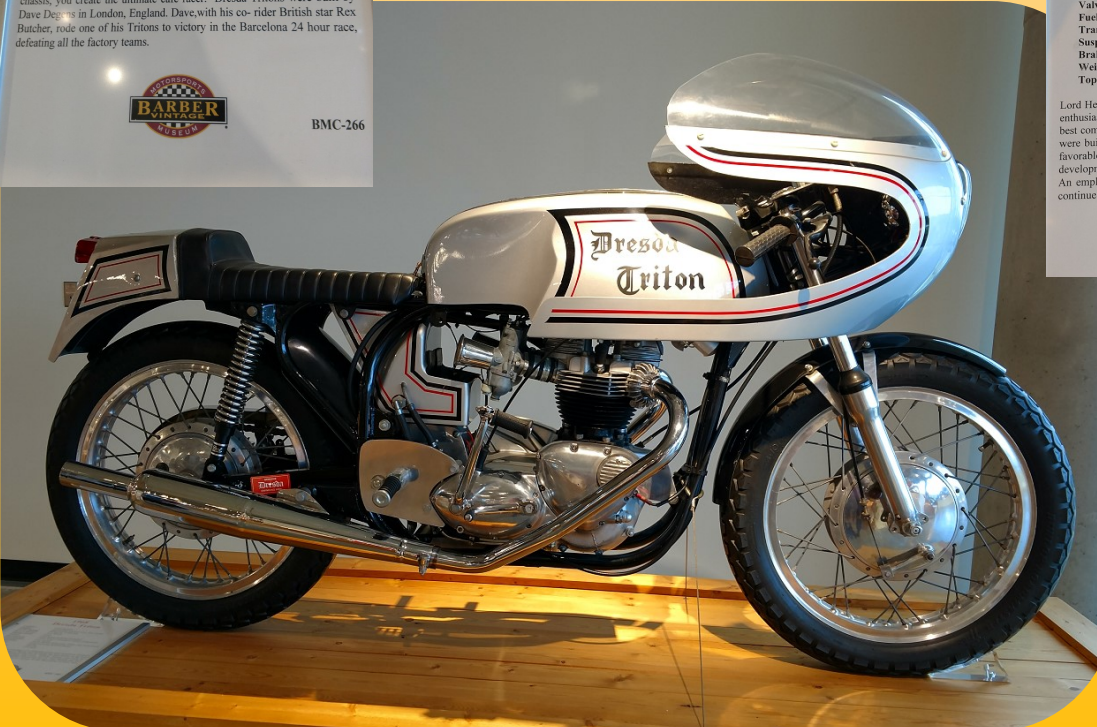
1968 Dresda Triton

Country:	Great Britain
Engine:	Air-cooled, vertical twin, four stroke
Power Rating:	49 bhp @ 7,500 rpm
Bore x Stroke:	71 x 42mm
Displacement:	649cc
Valves:	Overhead, pushrod activated
Fuel System:	Twin Amal Concentric 32mm carburetors
Transmission:	Four speed
Suspension:	Front Norton telescopic forks, rear twin shock
Brakes:	Front and rear Norton drums
Weight:	380 lbs.
Top speed:	125 mph

A Triton is a popular marriage of a Triumph power unit housed in Norton's featherbed frame, the theory being that by using the best motor in the best chassis, you create the ultimate cafe racer. Dresda Tritons were built by Dave Degens in London, England. Dave, with his co-rider British star Rex Butcher, rode one of his Tritons to victory in the Barcelona 24 hour race, defeating all the factory teams.



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1982 Hesketh V 1000

Country:	Great Britain
Engine:	Air-cooled, 90° V-twin four stroke
Ignition:	Lucas electronic
Power Rating:	86 bhp @ 6,500 rpm
Bore x Stroke:	95 x 70mm
Displacement:	992cc
Valves:	Double overhead cam, four valves per cylinder
Fuel System:	Twin Dell'Orto carburetors
Transmission:	Five speed
Suspension:	Front, telescopic forks; rear, twin shocks
Brakes:	Brembo, twin disc front, single disc rear
Weight:	498 lbs.
Top Speed:	130 mph

Lord Hesketh, wealthy British nobleman, Formula 1 constructor, and bike enthusiast, embarked on a mission to build a British Superbike. Using the best components including the Weslake twin racing motor, an initial batch were built and released to the press for evaluation. The reaction was not favorable; the machines had many teething troubles and needed further development. With only 170 machines produced, the company folded. An employee obtained the manufacturing rights, cured the problems and continues to build a handful of machines a year to special order.



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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 Ric and Joy Landeira

11/17 (Saturday): DU Hockey Night (contact Scott for more info)

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.

Presidents points race??

Jack set the goal of winning back the coveted President's Trophy this year. Sure looks like he might do it. Let's get those Norton's out and make Jack work for it.

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	68	11	21
Peggy Abeyta	47	8	15
Scott Robinson	42	9	4
David Sheesley	40	7	7
Mike Fields	38	9	2
Arnie Beckman	35	8	0
Debby Johnson	28	5	16
Eric Bergman	28	13	0
Dennis Horgan	26	8	0
Bob Martin	24	11	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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