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New member William Newton's Norton Commando.
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Editor's Point of View

Donn Harvey

Welcome to the fifth and final issue of The Atlas for 2023. For many years, we have stayed with the plan of publishing five issues of The Atlas every year. For the past few years, we dropped back to four issues per year, in part because of the pandemic and the rising cost of mailing out a print edition. Now, without those expenses, I hope to get back to a five-issue-per-year schedule. This has been our first full year of the electronic-only edition of The Atlas. I have received positive feedback on the change, and the recent survey results reinforce this. I will try to keep improving as we continue in this direction. Suggestions are welcome.

As is typical, I'm taking a winter break from The Atlas and hope to get the next issue published in April 2024, just in time to kick off preparations for the riding season. We will stay in communication during this time with website updates, e-mail blasts, and meeting announcements. We will continue our Zoom meetings on the second Thursday of the month, but we hope someone will step up to coordinate more in-person social meetings, which have always been very popular.

Many of you have seen the announcement in the last e-mail blast about the passing of Robin Bee. John Hill sent me a brief remembrance of Robin that is posted in this issue. The Whidbey Island Norton Owners (WINO) are planning a springtime memorial ride and bonfire to commemorate Robin. Details are being worked out, so watch your e-mail and the website for updates. We hope to have a section in the next Atlas for stories and tributes to Robin. Please send me any anecdotes, memories, and pictures of Robin for inclusion.

We have a date for the annual NWNO holiday party: January 13th. Hosted by Mark and Janet Zenor in Graham, WA. I will be sending out announcements soon. Be sure to RSVP so we get a general idea of how many are coming.

For 2024, the club is scheduling three destination events with lodging, camping, and rides. We kick off the riding season in June with our annual gathering at the PineNear RV park in Winthrop, WA. The dates will be June 16 – 20, which will avoid the busy weekends in the popular town.



In July, longtime member Jim Franzel and his wife, Rita, are hosting a campout and clam feed near their home in Copalis Beach, WA. Hmm, maybe we should call that our summer Clampout? (uggg that was for you Joe S.) We have space reserved at the Echo's by the Sea resort, where there are cabins and campsites available. That weekend coincides with favorable tides for clamming, and if we catch enough clams, we will have a clam bake at the Franzel's home. We've been talking about organizing this event for a long time, and I'm glad we are finally going to do it. It sounds like fun.

In September, we are organizing an Okanogan Campout and Ride. The location will be near Kettle Falls in Okanogan County, WA. This is an ideal location for excellent riding and close enough to the Canadian border to have our friends from the Okanogan wing of the British Motorcycle Owners Club (BMOC) join us.

I want to welcome a new member, William Newton from Sisters, OR. William sent me a few pictures of his Norton and a short article. He mentioned that he joined the club because he saw The Atlas online and wanted to join! That compliment and a nice article automatically qualify him to have his Norton featured on the cover of this issue.

In this issue, there is a call for nominations to be an officer of the club. We elect officers every even year in the spring. If you are interested in being an officer, please contact Mark Zenor to be put on the ballot. Voting will take place in the spring.

As for me... many of you know Deby and I like to travel into Mexico on our motorcycles for the winter. This year we decided to try going a little further. Through Mexico, through Central America, and into South America. We've done

this before, but it's still a big deal working out all the planning and logistics. If anyone is interested, you can follow our blog at <https://advdonnh.com/>

If you subscribe, you will receive updates on our trip in your e-mail. I've added a new tab at the top of the blog called "[Live Map](#)" You can click to see real-time where we are.

As much as I'm looking forward to our South America trip I'm also looking forward to summer and spending time camping and riding at the club events. See you then! ~Donn

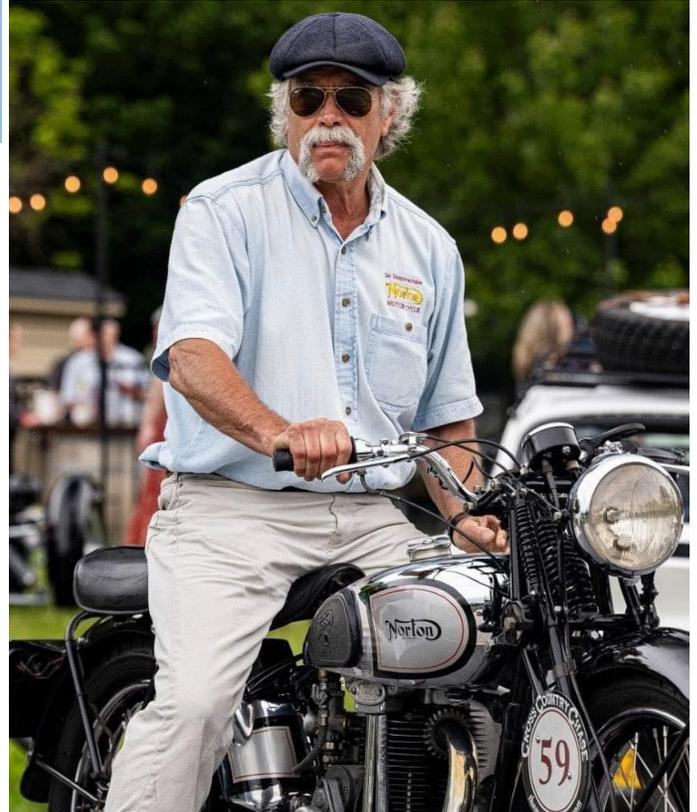
From The President

Mark Zenor

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year to everyone! We've successfully navigated through a quite remarkable riding year, filled with a fantastic Rally, an exquisite Italian Milan to Taranto event, exploring the Dolomites, and participating in the Cannonball from shore to shore – well, almost! A spontaneous ride to a Christmas party at Burgen's old shop, now Vintage Motorcycles Northwest, on the Commando felt great. These great experiences brought us in contact with wonderful people, and we feel truly blessed.

As we gear up for the next year, we're making arrangements for three events – one each in spring, summer, and fall – encompassing a camping/glamping experiences. We hope you can join us for all three or at least one. Remember, each member needs to make camping, RV, or cabin reservations, and we'll coordinate a block of spots or have the entire venue available. Keep an eye out for email updates as we finalize plans, including firm release dates about three months before our scheduled arrival.

A fellow member shared an engaging article by Peter Egan, titled "The Call of the Black Commando." It's a worthwhile read, available in Cycle World if you want to look it up. Janet read it and amusingly remarked that it described me perfectly. What can I say! Egan believes that there are certain objects in life, designed for individuals with your precise genetic wiring, and you instinctively know it when you see them. So, if the bike fits, ride it!



Now, onto Janet – she has graciously agreed to assist me in hosting a winter holiday get-together, tentatively scheduled for January 13th. The format will be similar to previous gatherings, featuring a potluck and BYOB. We're eagerly looking forward to catching up with all of you.

Additionally, my shop space is currently undergoing a reorganization. It feels like the changes are going to work well. Feel free to drop by during the holiday party and check it out.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and looking forward to the adventures the new year holds for us!

Editor's note: The article mentioned was in the April 2010 edition of Cycle World. You can view the cover [HERE](#). Since Cycle World is out of print, you can't actually read the article there. I tried searching Libby the free library app for Cycle World and it's not there. Other internet searches cannot find the article. Dang, maybe I shouldn't have thrown away my huge stack of Cycle World magazines!

Further research found out that the article is in Peter Egan's book "Leanings 3." A highly recommend book that is available on Amazon [HERE](#). I checked the library app and they don't have that title either. So, I managed to find a crummy scan of the article and posted a link to the .pdf [HERE](#).

Treasurer's Report

Steve Craig

Hello friends,

Since we're in December, and this being the end of the fiscal year as well as the "holiday" season, I feel compelled to write something that has nothing to do with holidays or the end of the year. Soooo, I'll save my 2023 recap for the first 2024 issue, coming your way early next year. In the meantime, I'll focus on... football! Specifically, college football and the Washington Huskies. Who as you know (unless you rate college football right up there with treasurers' reports) are going to the Sugar Bowl on January 1 to face the Texas Longhorns. The game winner goes on to the national championship the following week. I didn't attend the UW, so naturally I'm very excited to watch. Last year, the Huskies (#12) beat Texas (#21) in the Alamo bowl by a touchdown. This year they're ranked #2 and #3 so this matchup promises to be a nail-biter (hopefully). Because tickets to the game, played at the New Orleans Superdome, cost about \$2000, beers \$50 and hot dogs \$35, I've made the tough decision to watch the game from the comfort of my living room, where beers are cheap and the popcorn endless.

Next up: doggies. I hadn't had a doggo for decades, so of course I had forgotten about some of the finer aspects of dog ownership. But the memories came roaring back quickly once I'd adopted one. Firstly, dogs have voracious appetites. High-energy dogs, like mine, expect to be fed 24/7. This presents a financial quandary: Do I feed the dog or do I pay my utility bills? Once I'd resolved that issue, I was then faced with the dilemma of how best to heat the dog's food... Speaking of the dog's food, it



only stays with the dog for so long, then there's another issue to deal with. And in case you didn't know this, dog doo is not the same as zoo doo. You cannot use it to fertilize your tomatoes. You cannot compost it. You cannot make it go away other than by rounding it up and disposing of it. In my case, that equates to about 30 pounds of doo per week, even when I've taken doggo for daily "walks" around the neighborhood. In some ways, dogs are like poorly-maintained motorcycles; they require several hours of care and feeding for each hour of enjoyment returned, and can give you a big surprise at any moment, usually when it's least convenient.

Onward: I'd like to share with you some of the finer details about how I cobble together my various treasurer's reports. As you may know, I keep a precise handwritten ledger with lots of numbers and plus (+) and minus (-) signs on each page along with some names and dates. For any listed date this ledger will indicate a balance (+ or -) for that date, as well as a

number at the bottom corresponding to the end-of-month date. Let's use Nov 30, 2023 as an example: When I compared our bank statements to the numbers on my ledger, there were a few discrepancies. Since I'm sure my ledger is at least, if not more accurate than the bank's statement, I reconcile the differences thusly; I add my ledger balance to the bank statement balance and divide the sum by two. The resulting number is sufficiently close to both the bank's and my numbers that I don't feel a tiebreaker is warranted. I heard once that this method is referred to as "dollar cost averaging". That sounds like Econ 301 stuff to me but I've always felt that the result is valid. Using that methodology for November yielded a probable balance of \$6421.30. I say "probable" because I don't actually have the money at my home. In fact, I've never seen any of it. But our bank tells me the money is there, so I can only regurgitate that bit of data and hope that I'm not being scammed!

The last thing I'd like to mention is that NWNO club officer elections are coming up shortly. The nominating period is officially open, and will remain so until just before ballots are cast early next year. If you've ever considered or desired to have your own little autonomous corner in our world-famous NWNO *Atlas*, now is your time to boldly step up and volunteer. Speaking for myself only (and I swear I'm not making this up) I will happily allow anyone who desires my position to run unopposed, thereby guaranteeing a spot alongside our other esteemed club officers. The bookkeeping end of the position requires about ten minutes per month, together with however long it takes to cobble together a handful of newsletter articles. Think about it... You know you want to.

Happy Holidays,
Steve



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Vice President's Report

Membership Survey Report

Doug Saugen

In late October, we made a Membership Survey available on the website, aiming to gather feedback on how well the Club was meeting your needs. The survey remained open throughout November, garnering a 35% response rate (35 out of 100 paid members). This response rate aligns with my expectations. The survey focused on four primary topics: Demographics, Communication, Events, and Satisfaction/Suggestions. Here's a summary of the responses.

Demographics: Not surprisingly, our members tend to be on the older side but are still active. As I often say, it beats the alternative. About 90% of us are 60 years old or older, with 50% falling into the 70+ age group. While recruiting younger members might be a challenge given our vintage bikes, it's heartening that 80% of respondents still ride, and most are comfortable covering distances of at least 100 miles.

Communication: The preferred communication channels for most respondents were email blasts and this newsletter. Zoom calls and the website were considered less useful. We're working on enhancing the quality of Zoom calls by introducing topics like Member Bike Profiles, Technical Issues, and Member Travel Adventures, aiming to increase participation in the monthly business meeting Zoom calls. About 60% of respondents either wouldn't (due to not seeing the need) or couldn't (due to being not local) attend a monthly in-person business meeting. For social interaction, we should explore more opportunities for networking through breakfast gatherings, garage tours, tech sessions, and other "hang-outs."

Events: Half of the respondents indicated their intention to attend each of the three Summer campout/excursions (15-17). We hope to see attendance grow to 20+ and plan some fantastic rides around each event. The engagement level of member participation seems appropriate based on the responses. Only 20% felt that their



participation level could be improved. Despite seeking volunteers for a Ride Coordinator and Event Coordinator, we haven't received any offers. Perhaps someone from the 20% group could step up to get more involved.

Overall Satisfaction: The survey reflected a high 97% satisfaction level with how well the Club is meeting your needs. We've received numerous comments and suggestions, and we plan to incorporate them into our upcoming activities.

In conclusion, it's valuable to periodically assess where we stand. I'd like to express my gratitude to those who took the time to respond. If you have any additional suggestions for the betterment of the Club, please don't hesitate to let me or Mark know. Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.



Robin Bee

By John Hill

We lost Robin suddenly. About 3 months ago, he was laughing and sharing beverages and conversations with WINOs on his porch. Two weeks ago, at the bedside, with Robin sedated and sleeping peacefully, I shared some personal thoughts as well as appreciation for all he did for NWN.

In this brief eulogy, I am going to focus on Robin's contribution to the club. I will save more personal memories and stories for upcoming articles and the spring memorial ride. While I will be writing these thoughts in the first person, I am positive all of us have shared similar moments with Robin.

I first met Robin through NWN circa 1997-98. He stepped up to organize what would become a spring opening ride that he led for well over a decade. The rides were always well thought out and well planned. The destinations included Tulalip/Kayak Point (inaugural ride), Olympia Peninsula, Hwy. 9 North, Mount Erie, and of course Whidbey Island. In addition to leading the ride, hospitality was often extended to a post-ride gathering with him and Margo at their home. Robin, as the ride leader, was also

visible at our rallies and Vashon rides with VME. Even after retiring from riding, Robin continued to host the loosely organized WINO events.

During what I consider one of NWN's finest hours, we hosted the INOA rally in 1998. When last-minute complications put the rally in danger of failure, our members stepped up. This included Robin, along with Dan Doersam, buying provisions, and then stepping up to the grill to feed the masses. Later in the rally, Robin used his impeccable charm and humor to emcee the field events.

Robin was always willing to help out. With his vast mechanical knowledge, he assisted many of us, whether it was with automobiles, motorcycles, or lawn equipment. He was there to lend a hand or offer advice. Robin was a true friend. He toasted with me at our daughter's wedding, was part of the surprise gathering for Anita's retirement party, and was part of a WINO drywall installation workshop in my garage. Robin was there to grieve with the rest of us when we said goodbye to Bob Brown.

Damn! Robin, you are missed. Rest in peace.



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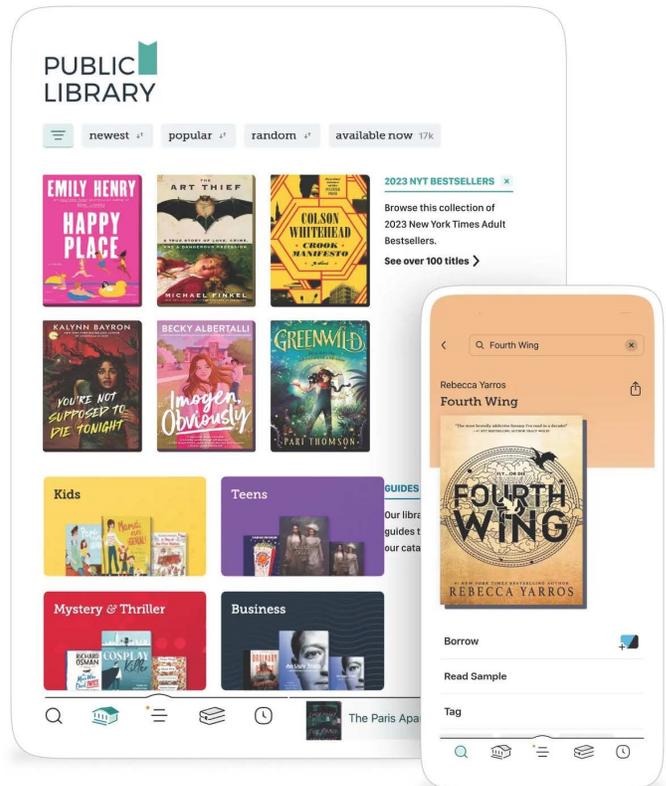
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For more information on Libby go to <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby>

Editor's note: Raul sent me this weeks ago and I immediately went to my local King County library to get a new library card. I downloaded



the app and was soon reading motorcycle magazines on my iPad. I also found I could check out books and download them to the Kindle app on my iPad. An excellent taxpayer funded service that we should all take advantage of. ~Donn

Officer Elections

It's that time to solicit nominations for club officers. We elect officers every even year for a two year term.

According to our bylaws, any member in good standing is eligible to run for any elected office. If you are interested in running for any of the following offices, or want to nominate someone who is willing to serve as an officer of the club, please contact club President Mark Zenor. The elected officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The spring issue of *The Atlas* will publish the list of candidates and a vote will be taken the following month either via e-mail or during our regular meeting.

Blasts from the Past

Submitted by Ted Stanley,

I will never forget one of the Norton Club's attendances at the Planes of Fame display at Paine Field in 2017.

It was at the start-up of the only known flying example of the German Focke Wulf 190D, a single-seat, single-engine fighter aircraft. This aircraft is the rarest of the rare as far as warbirds go.

Just as the technicians were about to start the Warbird, our dearly departed member, Bob Brown, who we all know loved his cigs, strolled up to the plane to get a close look and lit a cigarette, oblivious to what was happening.

You can imagine the reaction of the ground crew, with 100-octane avgas about to be squirted into the 12 cylinders.

Priceless.

Love you, Bob.

You can read about that event in The Atlas Issue 135 by clicking [HERE](#). There is now a short YouTube video of the club riding motorcycles at the event [HERE](#).

Submitted by Paul McMurry,

These photos were taken circa 1984 and they show me with my first Norton, a '74 850 with a fiberglass tank and side covers. In the pictures, my friends Rollie and Bill are also present, with Bill holding the map. We were on our way to the ½ Mile flat track nationals at Hagerstown, MD, riding all the way from the Hartford, CT area. During that time, there was a lot of racing in the area, and we would ride to



German Focke Wulf 190D at the Flying Heritage Museum European Theater Day in 2017. Photo by Ted Stanley



the flat track Nationals at Middletown, NY, Hamburg, NY, and the Syracuse Mile. Additionally, we attended the road race National at Loudon, NH, the Motocross National at Southwick, MA, and the 250cc US Grand Prix motocross at Unadilla, NY. Those were the days!

Smiths Speedo and Tach Repair

Ted Stanley

I had both my speedometer and tachometer rebuilt by a gentleman in Alberta. He acquired the entire Smiths inventory when the company folded in the UK. The outcome was impressive – both instruments looked brand new and operated flawlessly. The total cost for the comprehensive rebuild and replacement, where necessary, for each "clock" was approximately \$150 US. Additionally, there was a \$40 fee for shipping. Notably, the current mileage was preserved.

I also purchased cables for both instruments with the correct factory length, priced at around \$30 each. This is crucial, as many knock-offs are 1/8th inch too short, unbeknownst to the user, leading to accelerated speedometer wear. The ones from Andover are the correct length. The entire process took about two weeks, and a notable feature is the inclusion of a 3-year warranty.

Upon researching online, I only found one other individual offering repair and rebuild services, located in Alabama. However, he charged a steep \$330 US for each instrument, without any warranty. Alternatively, I discovered a New Old Stock (NOS) speedometer for \$600, but it would



still require rebuilding due to the grease being at least 50 years old.

The gentleman from Alberta is a proud owner of a '75 850, and his wife, responsible for cosmetic work, owns an Electra. Needless to say, their passion for Nortons is evident.

Website: <https://vintagebritishcables.com/>
E-mail: vintagebritishcables@telus.net



Ted Stanley's newly installed "clocks."

A Norton Story

William Newton

Greetings from Oregon!

I just joined the club after seeing some of the newsletters online. Happy to be part of the group!

Back in my early twenties, I was the proud owner of a 1971 Norton Commando during my time at UC Davis (Right).

During those days, I worked the graveyard shift at the Contadina Tomato Cannery in Woodland. I'd rush there at 9:30 pm to kick start my shift at 10 PM and ride back home to Davis at 6:15 AM the following morning.

One memorable journey took me up to Lake Almanor, California. I ran out of gas just outside Susanville, and that's when I discovered how hard it is pushing a motorcycle up even the slightest incline. I followed Hwy 44 to Redding, then Hwy 299 to the coast, and finally down 101 back home. Clueless and ill-prepared, I wore all the wrong clothing and had no armor, nearly freezing to death at times and later suffering from heat exhaustion. A borrowed helmet with a face shield duct-taped on was my only protection. It was great!

Fast forward 45 years to March 2017, when I met someone at an open mic who mentioned having a Norton for sale. He had acquired an unused, freshly rebuilt Colorado Norton Works



Author's 1971 Commando from his college days in California

770 cc engine (CnW engine #20) and a CnW rebuilt transmission. With these, he cobbled together a stock-looking bike from various sources. The factory engine number is 20M3S/143589, while the frame is #206670. The bike was stock looking with a Lockheed disc, Lucas controls, Smiths instruments, and SST fenders, along with a Corbin seat, Marzocchi rear shocks, and Sun Alloy rims (Left). I would say it handled OK but didn't stop very well.

Over the last few years, it has been further modified to make it more to my liking. It now features Race-tec shocks and fork internals, a Brembo front brake, a CnW hydraulic clutch, Aluminum fenders, a bobbed rear frame, Motogadget instrumentation, and a few choice bits from New York City Norton (Cover Photo).

I've only had it out twice since completion, but so far, so good.



Latest Norton with upgrades from author and CNW.

NWNO has a YouTube Channel!

We have created a space on YouTube for us to store club videos. There is also a "Playlist" tab with links to other YouTube videos that may be of interest to the club.

Check it out at: [Northwest Norton Owners NWNO - YouTube](#) or just search for Northwest Norton Owners on [YouTube](#)

Do you have content to add? Sent it to Donn Harvey, donn@ADVdonnh.com

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for Northwest Norton Owners NWNO. The channel name is "Northwest Norton Owners NWNO" with the handle "@NorthwestNortonOwnersNWN-to3ts" and 4 videos. The bio says "Welcome to the Northwest Norton Owners YouTube page. NWNO is a Seattle, WA based m...". The website "nwno.org" is listed. A "Subscribe" button is visible. The navigation menu includes "Home", "Videos", and "Playlists". The "Videos" section is active, showing a "Play all" button and four video thumbnails:

- Northwest Norton Owners at the Flying Heritage Museum**: 7:51, 3 views • 5 days ago
- Richard M 2023 Europe Motorcycle Trip**: 55:40, 1 view • 5 days ago
- Remembering Will Wachtel**: 4:22, 11 views • 2 weeks ago
- NWNO 2019 OP Tour**: 2:57, 7 views • 2 weeks ago



Minutes from NWNO meetings since the last published issue of *The Atlas*

Per the bylaws of the Northwest Norton Owners, *The Atlas* is the official repository for the minutes of the club business meetings. Archive copies of the minutes are located in the members only section of the club website www.nwno.org.

November 09, 2023

Business Meeting

Attendees: Mark Zenor, Doug Saugen, Raul Biascoechea Richard Mattrass, Donn Harvey, Paul McMurtry

Action item: Raul B. agreed to get details for the Kettle Falls campground he is recommending and get availability for some time in Sept 2024. Mark Z suggested a ballpark number of 20, 10 for campsites and 10 cabins.

Doug S has info on a caterer for that area, drawing from his experience with the AMCA event. Doug said AMCA has mapped out 5 excellent rides, also Raul reports that the Kettle Falls campground has some motorcycle rides posted.

Mark Z has been contacted by the Okanogan wing of the British Motorcycle Owners Club in BC. BMOC members Richard Kwast and Nigel Whittaker have both contacted him. Some BMOC members are interested in joining NWNO, and according to Mark we have no issues with dual memberships. Also, BMOC are interested in participating or possibly expanding on our Kettle Falls trip. Mark expects to get more information from BMOC on what they have in mind.

For the Kettle Falls trip, Mark wants to promote the idea of members sharing trailers so that more people would participate – possibly some members would want to go but it is too far to ride from them, they could team up and trailer their bikes with those that have some extra space on their trailer.

After Mark finished the Cannonball event on his Norton single, he went to the AMCA swap meet in Torrance CA and talked with Bill Getty. Getty said that he recently purchased a Velocette.

At the general meeting we will announce that per the NWNO bylaws, nominations will be accepted for anyone that wants to become an NWNO officer. If no nominations are raised, the existing

officers will be maintained.

Doug presented a summary of the NWNO members survey, this will be discussed in the general meeting.

Donn H. said that because of time constraints the last 2023 issue of the Atlas newsletter may be an abbreviated version with the minutes and other concise information, hopefully including info on the holiday party.

Mark noted that BMOC member Robert Smith submitted an article with pictures of this year's National Rally in Winthrop and it was published in a recent issue of Classic Bike magazine.

Raul has an idea of how a Ride Coordinator leadership position could be implemented and he will write it up to be included in the next Atlas.

We have close to 100 members in the club, and 200 people on the newsletter distribution.

General Meeting

Called to order 7:03 PM

Attendees same as for the Business Meeting, plus Bob Wood, John Lucas (calling in from a resort in Cancun), Eric Hokanson, Norman Trueblood, Dean Nissen, Jim Bush, Bob Hollingsworth, Bill Thackaberry

New members: Norman Trueblood joined. Norman is a member of the Southern California Norton Owners Club. He has been a member of SoCal Norton for 25+ years. He attended 4 National Norton rallies, including this year at Winthrop. Also participated in the rallies in Buffalo WY, Elma WA and Quincy CA, and hopes to be at the National Rally in Quincy in 2025. He owns five Nortons, '71, '72, '73, '74, & '75.

The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. It was voted to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Craig was not attending and did not provide a report

Editor's Report: Donn Harvey told us that in addition to the 4 issues of the Atlas newsletter that were planned for this year, there will be another shorter issue published by the end of 2023. The deadline for articles, pictures, announcements etc is one week after the 14 December Zoom meeting.

Past Events: The gathering at the Moto Shed in Seattle was really fun with lots of bikes and good food.

Future Events: There will be a holiday party, details will be shared when they are available. The VME is having their annual December show and they are looking for people who are interested in displaying a bike. It is December 2-3, the person to contact regarding displaying a bike is Jeff Earle.

It was acknowledged that it is OK to list non-NWNO events on our club website and accordingly Donn will add a link to the VME show.

There is a motorcycle show in Vancouver BC 19-21 January 2024, it is listed on our website.

Old Business – e-mail blast will be sent out regarding the 2024 events, the June campout in Winthrop, the July Copalis Beach gathering and a gathering near Kettle Falls in September.

New Business: -

Mark announced that per our club by-laws we are accepting nominations for any leadership position that members are interested in. If no nominations come forward, existing leaders will be maintained.

Dean N asked Mark about the status of Mark's Nomad, a recent acquisition. It's not running yet.

The article on the T.C. Christenson's Hogslayer double Norton-engined Top Fuel drag bike that was in the Atlas newsletter was well-liked. Dean N explained how Jerry Kaplan, who took the photos for the article, met T.C. at the "Nortona" event in Daytona Beach.

Richard M presented a slide show and described his experience where he took a motorcycle trip in Europe. He focused on the nuts and bolts of how the trip was arranged and conducted. He provided several recommendations, including GPS navigation, currency, credit cards, cellphones & apps, helmets. He rented a BMW R9-T from a company called Superbikes.

It was decided to review the club member's survey results in the December meeting.

Doug S brought to our attention the outstanding article covering the Winthrop rally in the November meeting/December issue of Motorcycle Classics magazine by Robert Smith and it included some excellent photos of the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21PM.

December 14, 2023

Business Meeting

Attendees: Mark Zenor, Doug Saugen, Raul Biascochea, Donn Harvey, Paul McMurtry

Action Item – Doug needs to reassign Donn's Zoom meeting license to Mark. Doug is the account manager, so only he can do that.

Doug needs a method to share a number of high-resolution photos that his daughter took at the Winthrop rally. Donn suggested setting up a folder in Google Photos. Donn has set one up to collect photos of Robin Bee for an upcoming memorial. For videos, one could set up a YouTube channel. Donn has set up an NWNO YouTube channel and will put a link in the Atlas newsletter.

For the September Okanagan trip, Doug recommends having 3 full days of riding, so the campout should be 4 days. There are two candidate venues near Kettle Falls: North Lake RV Park and Campground, and Columbia Point Resort.

Action Item – Mark to write an article describing the Okanagan campout and options for accommodations.

The dates for the three club trips are as follows:

- Winthrop: 16 – 20 June
- Copalis Beach: 19 - 23 July (Crabbing with Jim Franzel, Echoes of the Sea campground)
- Okanagan: 19 – 22 Sept

General Meeting

This month's general meeting was canceled. See you at the holiday party!

There is an excellent article about the 2023 INOA Rally in the November/December issue of Motorcycle Classics written by Robert Smith.

I've verified that this magazine IS available for free using Libby the library reading app.

If you are a subscriber to Motorcycle Classics you can read the whole article on their website by clicking [HERE](#).

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Lunch stop on Thursday ride.

INOA 2023
Classic Scene: Keep Calm and Nort-on!

Story and photos by Robert Smith

The International Norton Owners' Association rally is an annual event held, alternately, in the east of the Continent and the west. That was until the schedule was kiboshed by Covid. The British Motorcycle Owners' Club Okanagan section made a valiant attempt to host "Nortorious 2" (named for the 2010 INOA "Nortorious" Rally in Lumby, north Columbia) in 2021 but was defeated by

and an artfully restored saloon, Three-Finger lacks. Winthrop was first settled by gold prospectors around 1895 after placer gold was discovered in the local streams. Winthrop burned down in 1893 and the remains were washed away in a flood in 1894. Although rebuilt in the 1910s, the town gained its western theme in the 1920s when the North Cascades Highway was proposed to run through the town. To take advantage of its tourism potential, a theme town like nearby "Bastian" Leavenworth was proposed. Now its pioneer character attracts visitors, vacationers and outdoor enthusiasts. It's also a motorcycling mecca because of the outstanding riding roads (and trails) in the area. The North Cascades Highway 20 was declared the best riding road in Washington State by

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It's been FUN!

Thank you,
Fred and Ella

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Excellent technical articles here



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- **Pictures.** Send us photos of your bike, parts of your bike or dig up some old photos from the past.
- **Articles.** Short articles about a project you are working on or have completed are always popular. Articles about a trip you took on your Norton.
- **Memories.** Send us something you remember about the club in the early days. What wild things went on??? We want to know.
- **Calendar Items.** If you are aware of any motorcycle related events of interest let us know so we can publicize them.

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- January 11** Monthly meeting via Zoom CANCELLED. We will meet in person at the holiday party.
- January 13** Holiday Party and January meeting
Zenor's in Graham, WA Noon to 4:00. Click [HERE](#) for details and to RSVP
- Jan. 12-14** Vancouver Motorcycle Show
Abbotsford, BC <http://www.vancouvermotorcycleshow.ca>
- February 8** Monthly meeting via Zoom
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- March 14** Monthly meeting via Zoom
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- April 11** Monthly meeting via Zoom
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- Spring TBD** Robin's Ride - tribute to Robin Bee. Whidbey Island ride and bonfire.
- June 16 - 20** NWNO Winthrop Campout. Save the dates and watch for details.
- June 17-22** INOA Rally in Woodstock, New Hampshire <https://nortonrally.com/>
- July 19-23** Copalis Beach Campout. Save the dates and watch for details.
- Sept 19-22** Okanogan Campout and Ride. Save the dates and watch for details.

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