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## February 2022 Meeting at Timonium Show

The February meeting, the 479th occasion that NCNO gathered for such a meeting, was conducted at the NCNO display at this year's Timonium International Motorcycle Show. Fifteen or so members were present. Newly coronated President Byron Ricketts called us to order among the display bikes. This was a mercifully short meeting.

We're saving a review of 40 years of NCNO Dead Horses for next month's 40th Ruby Anniversary Gala.

His brother for life, our Good Job Man, NCNO Treasurer and Chief Money Man Darrel reported we remain financially sound, and he stands by his accounting records. We would get financially sounder later in the day. Stay tuned.

Byron, dual hatted as the Classic Motorcycle Day Committee Chairman, reports that planning continues apace for a May 22 execution in Mt. Airy, Maryland. This year's theme will be vintage Japanese motorcycles and as usual other classic British and European bikes will be shown too. No major snags have been identified. There is a pent-up appetite for CMD after last year's event was cancelled due to pandemic restrictions. We handed out hundreds of CMD flyers, and many show attendees asked about the event. My gut is telling me that I have a case of gas and we will have a large crowd for CMD, especially if the weather is nice.

The CMD committee will be asking for club membership help in set-up and with admissions at the event. Help and get in free and get a free CMD t-shirt.

We have news on Rolling Thunder. Kevin Perry, one of the three 2022 RT Co-Chairs, has a lead on a site near Syria, Virginia. It has cabins, campsites, a pavilion and is surrounded by great roads. The site sounds very promising, he is planning to contact them soon. Syria is south of Sperryville and just north of Madison, Virginia on the eastern side of the mountain. It has the advantage of being close to the metro area and near some superb roads.

Since the January meeting, many of us attended long time member and club treasurer Jeff Burns interment



Photo: Burt Upchurch

Scott Stuber (L) and President Byron Ricketts (R) at the Timonium Show/Meeting



Chris Greenbacker, Frank Daugherty and Burt at Timonium

ceremony on January 28th at Arlington National Cemetery. Jeff was a Naval Aviator, so he had a full Navy Honor guard complete with horse drawn carriage, band and rifle team. The weather was bitterly cold, and snow was expected later that day, so we did not do the Norton Motorcycle escort to the grave site. That was probably just as well, the six horses pulling the carriage were likely not used to several clattering, rattling British motorcycles in their wake. Someone would have surely crashed their precious ride in the green ice the horses were laying down, run out of gas or gotten lost in the cemetery.

The Navy honor guard did a first-class



Dave Hepner and his Interpol Commando at Timonium.

job. As a retired Naval Officer, I was under the impression that it is impossible for sailors to march, but this unit proved me wrong. During the ceremony a Crown Royal Fairy that looked remarkably like Jim Sturges was distributing restorative rations of the elixir. After Jeff was laid to rest next to Patsy, many of us convened at a nearby watering hole to visit and remember Jeff and Pasty. Kick stands up!

Two weeks later was the Timonium Show. We had twelve machines displayed. There were six Norton Commandos including Dave Hepner's 1971-1974 Interpol 850, Darrel Rickett's and Marc Bouchard's 1974 850s, John Cannon's 1975 Mk III 850

#### The fine print:

The NCNO Flyer is published monthly by the Nation's Capital Norton Owners club to inform and entertain its members.

Members are encouraged to submit articles, tech tips, photographs, classified ads, or other material. The deadline for submissions is two weeks after the monthly meeting.

The Nation's Capital Norton Owners' principles are to promote the use and pride of Norton motorcycle ownership, and to provide an arena for the exchange of technical information and parts availability in an effort to extend the useful life of Norton motorcycles.

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Photo: Burt Upchurch

Tom Glinka's and Scott Stuber's 750s

and Tom Glinka's and Scott Stuber's 1972 Combat 750's. We rounded out the collection with Robert Patch's 1968 Rupp TT500 minibike, John Cannon's 1973 Moto Guzzi Eldorado, Darrel's very rare 1999 Bimoto Mantra, MegaDon Broxson brought three vintage Bultaco and Yamaha dirt bikes. My 1982 MB5 Honda rounded out the collection and was the only motorcycle there leaking oil. A Honda no less. Go figure. The little 50cc two stroke peed itself surrounded by the thundering Norton's.

All the bikes drew a crowd. We had placards for each bike, club information and with the banner hanging from a pop-up, and Norton Girl posters, the display looked great. It's hard to say which bike got the most attention. All the Norton's did, especially the Interpol with its working police lights. Robert Patch's little Rupp minibike did too. It recalled for many folks, as did Don's DT-175, their first motorcycle riding experience.

Overall, this show was down from past years. Each afternoon by 4 pm attendance was sparse. By the 8 pm closing time on Friday and Saturday it was a ghost town. The largest reason for the attendance drop



Photo: Burt Upchurch

John Cannon's and Marc Bouchard's 850s

in my estimation is only two of the local dealers supported the show by bringing new inventory. Many attendees come to comparison shop among different brands and models. The dealers are not there because they do not need to be, they are selling everything they get in. The additional expense to transport bikes and staff the display is not worth it to them.

The hall was full, but displays were spaced out, so it looked fuller than it was. There were plenty of vendors, but some had nothing to do with motorcycles including one guy selling live hedgehogs, baby alligators and parrots. There were plenty of vendors with cheap jewelry, leather vests, wool caps, glasses cleaner and sunglasses, very little riding gear, helmets, tools, tires and the like. The show seems to be reentering its edible panty phase.

That said, we still had a lot of traffic as we were in a prime spot right by the entrance. Everyone coming and going passed our display. There were other vintage bikes at the show, including four very nice 1970s Kawasaki Z-1s and KZ-1000s, several old Harleys and a 1917 Henderson 4 special that was using an AMC gearbox like a Commando's.







Photo: Burt Upchurch

Robert Patch's Rupp minibike behind Scott Stuber's Commando.

Don helped the owner identify the box, it was pre-Commando, and gave him a lead on finding a new cover. Someone had hacked up where the clutch cable entered the gearbox cover resulting in poor clutch engagement.

The show was scheduled to close at 6pm on Sunday but the organizers decided to hold the award ceremony early. The big news is NCNO won the best club display and \$1500. That is a nice stack of Jacksons. Last seen, our treasurer had the lettuce. The pack-out went fast. I was home and unpacked by 6:30.

We won the best club display because of the bikes displayed and the effort of the club members who brought and fetched bikes and staffed the display. As well as those mentioned who supplied display bikes, kudos to Tom Renda, Alan Pion, John Cannon, Dave Miller, Dave Hepner, Frank Dougherty, Scott Stuber who took specific shifts at the display. Chris Greenbacker for bringing and fetching two Norton's and the Moto Guzzi. A big thanks to MegaDon who manned the display from opening to closing on Saturday. Byron wins the Silver



Photo: Kevin Perry

Byron and Darrel Ricketts with VP Dave Miller at the meeting.

Tongue Devil for not only his great and inspiring oratory at the meeting but fixing a last-minute load out issue on Sunday afternoon.

Next month's meeting will be the 480th such affair, the Ruby or 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Nations Capital Norton Owners in March 1982. Think of all the group rides, beer, fireworks, motorcycles in creeks, exploding outhouses, and eloquent guidance on the Norton Commando that has occurred over these past four decades. In 1982 the Space Shuttle had just flown. It has been parked for a decade while our Norton's thunder on.

We'll be convening at JV's in Falls Church for this celebration of persistent knuckle-headery. Administrations, entire countries, music fads, TV shows, movie stars, sports teams come and go but like a cockroach after a nuclear war, we're still here. Come celebrate.

See you on March 13, ride if you can.

*Your Humble Narrator*  
Burt

## Etc.

For RT 39, Kevin Perry is looking at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia. He would like to get an idea of how many cabins and lodge rooms we would need to reserve.

The 2022 INOA National Rally is set for July 11-15 in upstate New York. Website here: <https://nortonrally.com/?fbclid=IwAR2IEU2TvVVTmcsAsRpN8T5m6egZt9srtrW3IAMCiXeR-mo7Jl14vA08pOc>

Lauretta has been shredding old documents and ran across this, confirming my addiction to paper. As I recall, George Ade set off a home made firecracker that was equivalent to a 1/4 stick of dynamite. I pleaded with him to not light it off, but to no avail. The campground owner was very pissed. The echo across the lake carried for quite a distance. Needless to say, this was our one and only visit to that campground.

Due to the high dollar nature of real estate in Deep Creek Lake, we found few private campgrounds in the area. CG

The 10th Anniversary of "Hogslayer: The Unapproachable Legend" documentary has been released. [Get your copy here](https://youtu.be/L4ez88dMkAY). Trailer: <https://youtu.be/L4ez88dMkAY>

Discovered on FB that Nesta Gerberding, Dave & Vicki's daughter, died on 02/05 from a Fentanyl drug overdose. It is most disturbing that quite a few people never truly find their way in the world. Nesta completed two years of law school, and never finished up. —Chris G

## Bring a trailer

JC Riseling sends links to recent Nortons sold/for sale on the BAT website:

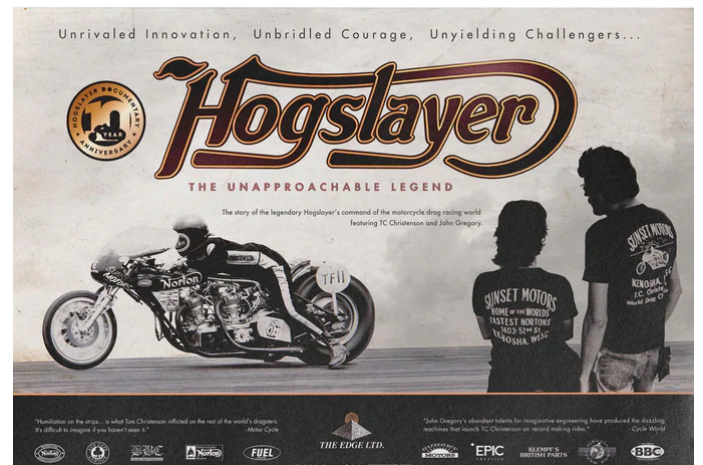
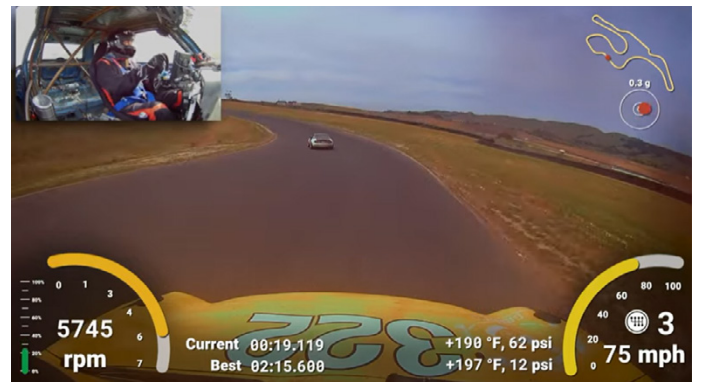
<https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1972-norton-commando-750-10/>

Went to five figures instantly. Brave man to no-reserve the listing.

<https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1974-norton-commando-850-roadster-3/>

## Telemetry Tech

For all you GoPro users who record your motorcycle rides: Info about an app that allows to you to add GPS and other moto sensors information on your ride/race/tour videos. All you need is a GoPro camera (other cameras are accepted but they need an external GPS). SportAndGps software app Telemetry Overlay. (<https://sportandgps.com>)





## Coming Events

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MEETING

### Sunday, March 13, 2022 NCNO Anniversary Meeting

JV's Restaurant, [6666](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6666+Arlington+Blvd,+Falls+Church,+VA+22042)

[Arlington Blvd, Falls Church, VA 22042.](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6666+Arlington+Blvd,+Falls+Church,+VA+22042)

Time 1:00 PM.

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MEETING

### Sunday, April 10, 2022 NCNO Meeting

TBD



### Sunday, April 24, 2022

## Gathering of the Nortons

Delaware Valley Norton Riders-sponsored 38th annual ride-in show at Washington's Crossing Park, PA 10AM-2PM,

## Classic Motorcycle Day, May 22, 2022



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## More Timonium Pics



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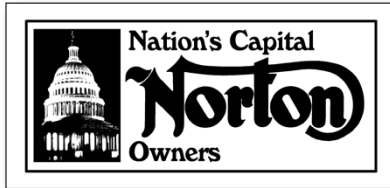
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Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the AMA? No ☐ Yes ☐ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the INOA No ☐ Yes ☐ INOA # \_\_\_\_\_

Norton motorcycles owned: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make payment via PayPal. If PayPal is not an option, please contact the [treasurer@ncno.org](mailto:treasurer@ncno.org).

Please return your form to:

Lauretta Greenbacker, Membership Secretary

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