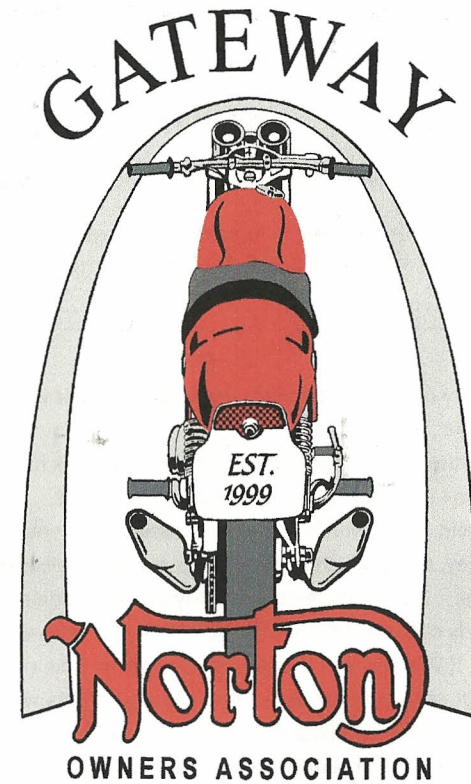
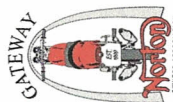


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Kings Korner

I will start out by boring you to death, then you may not want to read the entire article... (hope fully)

Years ago in the automotive field customers would ask me to "put a patch" on their cars cause I am going to sell it, as soon as you get it back going again.. OK! I will do it for You , cheap, cause you don't have any money, and you just don't want to pay for services rendered.

First scenario: 2 or more years later; "My car broke again, you guys completely overhauled everything and now its broke again" You said you were going to sell it ! (We replaced the cam/lifters and now the transmission is gone bad.) You just cannot explain anything to these people, about anything mechanical, about anything logical, about anything that makes good sense.

Second scenario; 2 years later "we sold the car to my niece and said you guys would warranty the complete rebuild for eternity." Then they call you Bitching up a storm." So we say: Mam; we only replaced what was immediately failed at the time and under no circumstances was any warranty implied/presented/or even dreamed of, (in your narrow mind)" They asked us to just get it back running. They took me to court, and won because they Couldn't Understand Normal Thinking. Neither could the small claims court.Which leads me to the article at hand..... I don't like putting band-aids on mortal wounds anymore. I work on a lot of motorcycles these days, for a guy that does not believe in this bit of wisdom, and I work on a lot of bikes at home where I just can't do it any other way, than if it were my own motorcycle. What would you prefer? A rather gifted mechanic years ago, told me "A good mechanic knows what he can get away with" (Ever been to the shop when they say "You need Calipers/Rotors/Pads/wheel bearings/Seals/Struts/Springs/and an alignment" for a brake squeal?) I can't get away with this. These guys are covering their asses, and making a decent living to boot! (Thieves) Every time I try to cut corners and give someone, sub-par work, it seems to bite me in the sub-par ass. I try to fix every ones motor bike like it was my own. I can't sell someone things they don't need, either.

Its the only way we are going to be happy. Lucky for me, most Motorcyclists are smart enough to know what I have been telling you.

Let's say you are working on your own Norton, and you have a stopped up wire... you say..." for now I'll just twist the ends together and tape it, I'll fix it correctly next ahh... week, er...Month, whenever..." Naw, you'll forget and it will leave you in the darkest, loneliest stretch of highway Joseph Lucas could have ever put you on. If I did that repair, you would be bad-mouthing me for an eternity.

If you do your own work, do it for the long run. Take the extra time do it right. even if you have to wait till tomorrow when Donelsons opens. If you have someone else do your work, make sure you can trust them. Don't let them sell you calipers/rotors/struts/etc. There's never enough time to do it right, but always time to do it twice. (Another wise Mechanic saying). Hope to see some of you at the rally. I am excited. Haven't been to one since... uh...93?

Thanks for listening; Your Humble Ruler.



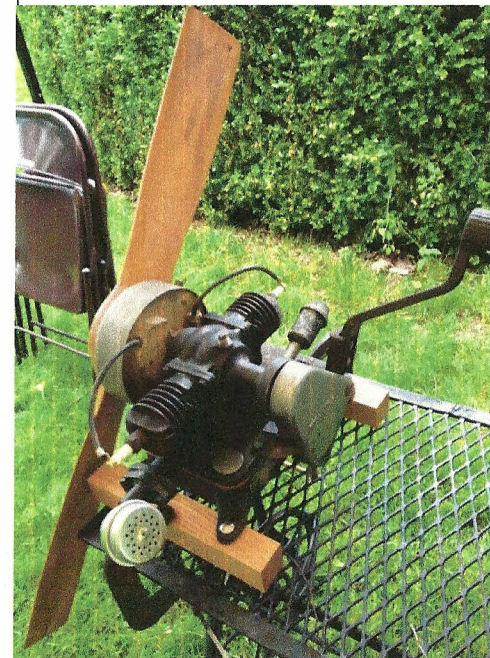
Spring Kickoff or liftoff

Spring Kick-off meeting at Kurt B.
on 5-16-15 by Steve Hurst

For those of you who did not make it I will recollect the following events. It goes without saying that the Spring Meeting is perhaps the best meeting of the year. This year was no exception of the rule. In spite of clouds and wet weather we had 18 members show up, I think about 6 rode their bikes. This year's food was again spectacular even though the chief was new. He had great char on the burgers without drying out the middles, just the way I like it. I can't begin to go into all the entertainment lets just say it was ample with performances from Mike F. and Kurt B. who both managed to captivate and entertain at the same time, each with a engine from 1941. Both engines had 2 cylinders and were air cooled with kick starters but that's where the similarities ended. Kurt's is in a motorcycle and Mike's is in a.....well let me tell you about Kurt's first, if you guessed Indian Scout you win. That's rite Kurt got his Indian running.! Inside the Norton shed, it was running and barking out fire, wow is all I can say. His shed is not that big and with the Indian and 8 guys standing around it could have got ugly fast but it didn't and those that were there weren't the kind to be scared anyway. Now about Mike's ..would you believe a 2 cylinder 2 cycle motor from a Maytag washing machine that spewed out bean oil smoke with a 40 inch wooden propeller attached to it?? I'm sure they didn't think anyone would do that in 1941 when Maytag made it. This thing has a kick start so it's cool as hell already, rite? When Mike gets it going the prop becomes invisible, not really but it is hard to see were the edges are. Very dangerous. Sounds like a small airplane. When riding motorcycles in your life is not enough danger for you, you need one of these. After running it off and on for several hours we saw several unmarked vans driving by and some parking half block away with men climbing poles to peek over Kurt's hedges. That's when we figured the neighbors were thinking we probably had a drone that we were playing with and called in the authorities. I have more, but like my Daddy always said "Don't tell em everything and leave them wanting more." So that being said I will move on to the minutes of the meeting.

After the last chew and gulp Mike called the meeting to order at about 2pm. With a motion to dismiss the reading of the last minutes we moved on to; Welcome to the new members , there was one present, Kris Loewe was introduced to the Club. He is from IL. around Glen Carbon and has a Norton!! With a promise of a short intro from him for the newsletter we moved on to new business. Now this is where it gets tricky if I was your elected official this is where I would slide in the pork. Oh wait, I m your elected official! Anyways there was a motion made and second with a passing vote of ayes to not charge officers of the club any dues. Still with that being said no one wanted to take over for Mike and I so until there is it looks like we are in for a free ride. Old business up next with a mention of the dues increase to \$10.00. Still have bandanas for sale along with 3 shirts and some coasters. Events were next up with no mention of any rides to Herman from Scott D.hummmm.I guess he learned his lesson after 3 failed attempts it just aint going to happen! Springfield Mile was talked about but by the time you read this it will have come and gone. The Norton rally was discussed in NC. this July with probably 6 of us going. You may still have time to get in on that one let me know if you are interested. Next I gave a reading of the Treasury report it was accepted and passed, look for a updated report in this report in this Newsletter.

Then I thanked the 6 members who showed up for the Club sponsored Trash Bash last month on our adopted mile of highway 79 in O' Fallon. I announced my next three dates with hopefully e notice to be sent out before each one they are Sunday June 14, Sunday Aug.16, and Sat Oct 17. I hope you can help us out again or if this is your first time remember there is some great trash out there free for the finding and then there is some that's just trash. A motion was made and second for adjournment and the meeting ended at about 2:45pm. with 50/50 drawing held immediately after. Of course that wasn't it for the fun but you had to be there to appraised the rest and if you were you know what I'm talking about and if you weren't you better try harder to be there next year! That's all from here give me a beer,Steve



Treasury Report

prepared by Steve Hurst G.N.O.A. Treasurer

\$570.00 cash on hand carried over from Feb. 22 2015 T. report

\$130.00 dues collected

\$700.00 total COH

Payouts

\$97.00 PO to John Mc Clure for web site expenses

\$603.00 COH

\$110.00 dues collected at spring meeting 05-16-2015

\$ 18.00 made on 50/50 drawing

\$731.00 COH 05-17-2015

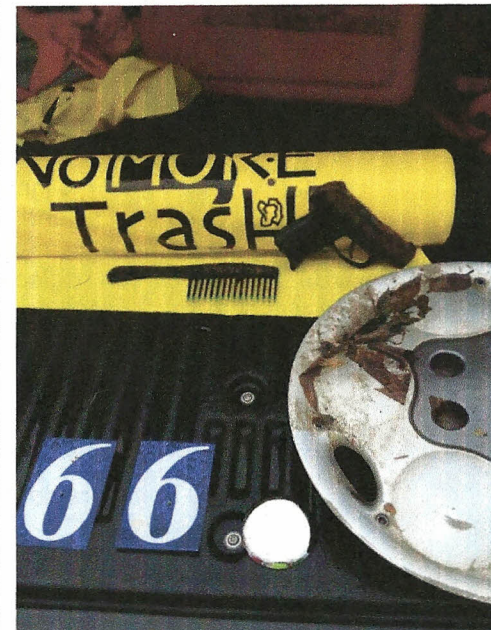


A Steve selfie – His good side.....?

I think this is part of his attire for the upcoming INOA Rally in Ashville, NC.

Adopted Mile

It doesn't matter if there is a drought going on because all I have to do to make it rain is to announce a date for trash pick up and drought over it is going to rain. This year like many in the past was wet on our pick up day Sunday April 19. Marty and I started early to try and beat some of the moisture and also because we both had family matters to attend to afterwards. Surprisingly we had about six members show up to help with The King Mike in attendance along with Brent J, Jeff H. Bill H., we got her done in about 90 minutes. Not all of the items were able to be retrieved from the ditches because of standing water but 19 large MoDot bags got filled and lots of large stuff was dragged to the shoulder to be picked up by the Mo hwy dept. or ran over again by inattentive drivers. Thanks to Bill H. I went home with some nice 9 point Buck antlers and Marty who is never one to leave good stuff behind furnished me with a new comb for my work some house numbers and a shiny round mirror. I will show him how much I appreciated his generosity by using the comb on him next time he comes in for a haircut with me and showing him the back of his head with the mirror. Mo Dot always wants to know what the most common litter was and the most unusual litter was. This year for common I think is a tie with plastic bottles and cig wrappers for most unusual it goes to panties. Lots of people having sex I guess along the way to and from and arriving at their destination commando style. I do commando too but a little differently, mine is Norton!! That's it from here pass me a beer, Steve
P.S. We have three more pick ups this year come on out and see what you can find.



Particulate Matter Matters

by Steve Hurst

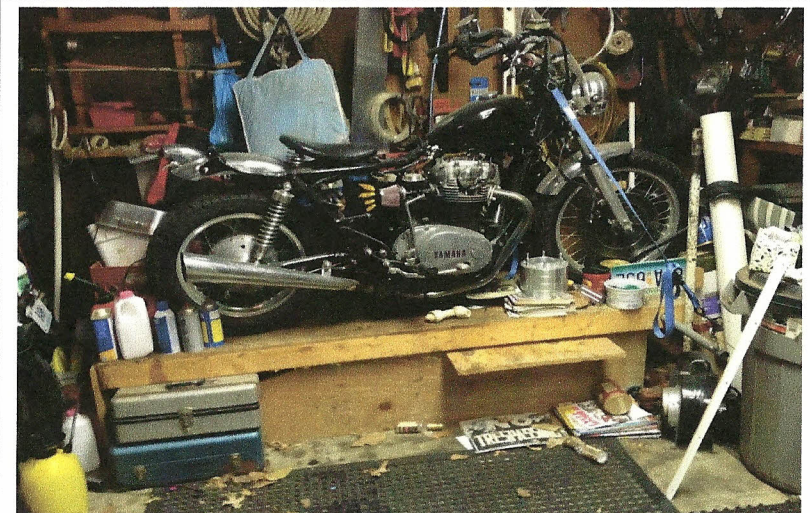
Have YOU heard what the motor in Yamaha's new FZ-07 Flat Tracker sounds like? Now what do you think it would sound like if fired up indoors? Gloriously Fantastic! Thanks to the generosity of Carl and Cathy Donnelson I was at a hosted event at their dealership in St. Ann, Mo on a Saturday in February this year and I along with others got to hear this new 689cc racer growl. This event is called Vintage Racers Day and is a party of such for those who gave and continue to give us inspiration and dreams of greatness. Many old time famous racers were there. I met Dick Mann and saw others who brought so much to the dirt track. I met Kurt B. and Tom M. over at Mike F. house about late morning and with a prediction of snow late in the afternoon we piled in Kurt's car and headed across the mighty Mo. River to Donnelson's. I first thought Tom was going to drive but nobody wanted to sit on carpet samples for the ride and his Volvo is full of them. I suggested we take my 4x4 but that made too much sense and we are not known for that so why start now. Many of our Club members were there along with some Euro Motor Union members and some Gateway BMW folks. The business was open so customers also came in and out. There was a buffet and bar if you was hungry and thirsty, I was. The museum was open and always deserves a walk through. When the snow started to fall most with common sense left for home we however were not scared and waited for conditions to worsen. When we felt like we could at least have a bit of a challenge then we started for St Charles. Lucky for us I remembered to bring my flask for this ride was going to last a bit longer than the ride over. With Captain Kurt at the helm we made our way through ice and snow. Traffic was a bitch and many people don't know how to drive in such conditions but Kurt is not one of them. It was in one of those moments when he had to get on the brakes when we found his anti-lock brakes still worked fine. At that point from the back seat Mr. French informed us that it is a good idea to use said anti-lock brakes once in awhile so as to flush out any particulate matter. Upon hearing that and not being one to ignore good sound advice from a reputable mechanic, Kurt continued to flush and flush and flush some more. Then he worked on flushing any particulate matter out of the horn and the rest of his cars systems. He must have been neglecting his horn for a long time cause he worked on it the rest of the way to Mike's house. After we got back to the Kings Castle he invited us in for a short one, Tom said no and left for home but Kurt and I felt remorse for the empty flask and took Mike up on his offer. After a while we got over our remorse and were up for the challenge of finding our way to our homes whilst flushing out any particulate matter along the way.

be a Bogart and pass me something!

Steve



Yamaha FZ-07 referenced in Steve's article Particulate Matter Matters – Photo taken from June 2015 issue of Cycle World magazine.



I have a wooden bike lift it is made of 3/4 in plywood and 2x4 with bike chock and pull out tool shelf. Measures 7 foot by 2 foot. Tilts to floor for drive on mount. This is **free to good garage** with bourbon donation accepted or not. Bike not included. Please Contact Steve Hurst, 636-928-3391, if interested.

Upcoming and Recurring Local Events:

Vintage Bike Night St. Louis

The First Monday of Each Month at Bottleworks

Through October

Schlaflly Bottleworks

7260 Southwest Ave. (at Manchester) Maplewood, MO 63143
314-241-BEER x2

June 18 - 20, 2015 Branson, Missouri

Ozark Mountain Thunder Motorcycle Rally

Sponsored by SPOC LLC

The rally will be held at the Area-57 Event Center, 1610 West Hwy. 76 in Branson. The gates open at 5:00pm on Thursday. The motorcycle activities include a bike show and 100-mile poker run. The rally will also include stunt shows, vendors, food, and live music. The event will help support the Taney County Shiners. For more information call (417) 251-0554.

<http://www.ozarkmountainthunder.com>.

June 20, 2015 Hannibal, Missouri

Lone Wolf No Club Bike Show 2015

Sponsored by Lone Wolf No Club

The bike show will be held at Y Men's Pavilion, 100 East Hill Street in Hannibal. Registration begins at 8:00 am and judging begins at 10:00 am. The fee to enter your motorcycle is \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 on the day of the show. Awards will be given for people's choice, Tom & Becky's choice, and more. There will also be 50/50 drawings, music and more. For more information call (573) 985-3475.

<https://www.facebook.com/events1282124955329999/>.

June 27, 2015 St. Charles, Missouri

LoneRiders RC Annual Charity Poker Run 2015

Sponsored by LoneRiders RC

This poker run will start at St. Charles Harley-Davidson, 3808 West Clay in St. Charles at 8:00 am. There will be 4 stops throughout St. Charles COWtY. The ride ends with food, music, raffles, and vendors. This ride benefits Cardinal Glennon's Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis.

INOA North Carolina Rally 2015 – Asheville, NC.

July 13-July 17, 2015

St Louis, Missouri • July 25, 2015

Charity Ride

Sponsored by Full Throttle Magazine

The ride starts at Fros or Crossbones, 5827 S Broadway in St Louis. The motorcycles roll out at 11:00 am. The ride is for Crohns and Colitis and Camp Osias. For more information call (636) 212-2846

Not sure if this is a real or made up, but I sure like the definition.

I hope this clears up any misunderstanding you have on this matter. Only "give them hell" Harry could explain it sooo well!

For the last six odd years, almost all of the things I wanted to write or say, have been stymied by a recently coined term referred to as "POLITICAL CORRECTNESS"!

Although I consider myself rather fluent in the English language, that term was not in my vocabulary. My curiosity got the best of me and I decided to do a little research and after two weeks of chasing fruitless leads, I found what I'd been looking for at the Truman Library and Museum in Independence Missouri. A unnamed source there sent me copies of four telegrams that were between Harry Truman and Douglas MacArthur on the day before the actual signing of the Surrender Agreement. The contents of those four telegrams below are exactly as received, not a word has been added or deleted!

(1) Tokyo, Japan

0800-September 1, 1945

To: President Harry S Truman

From: General D A MacArthur

Tomorrow we meet with those yellow bellied bastards and sign the Surrender Documents, any last minute instructions!

(2) Washington, D C

1300-September 1, 1945

To: D A MacArthur

From: H S Truman

Congratulations, job well done, but you must tone down your obvious dislike of the Japanese when discussing the terms

Of the surrender with the press, because some of your remarks are fundamentally not politically correct!

(3) Tokyo, Japan

1630-September 1, 1945

To: H S Truman

From: D A MacArthur and C H Nimitz

Wilco Sir, but both Chester and I are somewhat confused, exactly what does the term politically correct mean?

(4) Washington, D C

2120-September 1, 1945

To: D A MacArthur/C H Nimitz

From: H S Truman

Political Correctness is a doctrine, recently fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and promoted by a sick

mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of sh*t by the clean end!