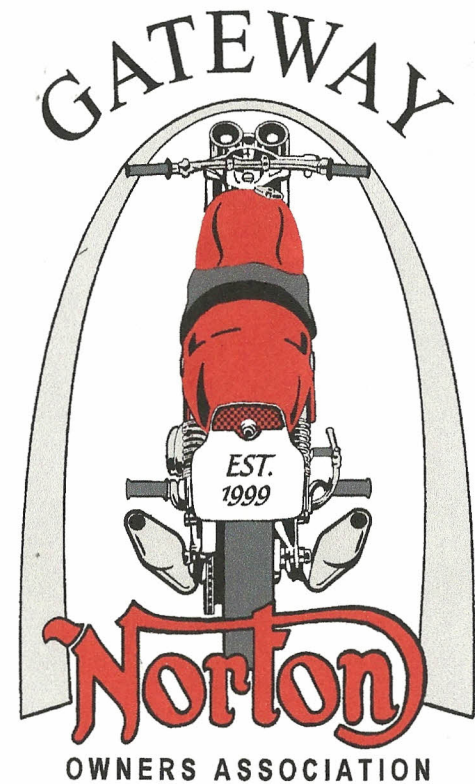
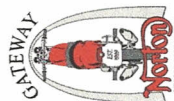


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Dues are \$5 per year running July through June. They are prorated to keep bookkeeping simple.

Make check payable to "Steve Hurst" or send cash to Steve at: 966 Weybridge Ct. W. St. Charles, Mo. 63304

#### KING'S KOLUMN

Unfortunately, no comment from the King this issue.

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**Minutes from Spring Kickstart meeting at Kurt  
Baue's  
May , 2014**

**Thanks again to Kurt for the fine food, beverages and  
hospitality**

Meeting was called to order by King Mike. New business. Apparently we have a number of unsold Norton hankies for sale, ( I don't think it rivals the coasters). If you are interested, please contact Steve and for just \$8.00 you can own one.

John McClure has got a very fine website up and running, currently a number of previous newsletters can be viewed along with a Norton technical manual. If you would like to add content, please contact John or Scott.

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**GNOA Treasurer Report**

**According to Steve, dues are due .**

Cash on hand carried over from winter meeting 2-26-14	557.00
Dues collected at spring meeting 5-314	20.00
Shirtsales	18.00
Coastersale	2.00
50/50 drawing (won by Gary Highfill)	50.00
Total Cash on hand	647.00

Note, there were no payouts at this time.

**Upcoming events and possible activities**

May 31 Scott Dowler's Herman or Bust Ride

First Monday of each month – Vintage Bike Night – Schaflly Bottleworks

July 20 – Technical session at Mike's house. Probable topics – Oil pressure tests, carb synching.

Fall – date to be announced – Weiner ride to Klondike Park

Oct 10-12 Vintage Bike weekend at Barber Motorsports Museum





## Tom's Spring Ride

by Steve Hurst

When I saw his ankles covered by white socks in front of me at 55mph in a 52 degree cloudy morning I knew he would not be along long on the ride.

It was said by Tom M. at the winter meeting that he wanted to host a spring ride. He picked Sunday April 6, certainly a day in spring and as everyone in the Midwest knows, days in spring can be warm or chilly or even cold. The start of the ride was from the Quick Trip on 5th street in St. Charles Mo. the destination for the end was unknown. For one rider it was a quick trip. I was asked to lead the ride south along the Missouri River to Hwy 94 then along 94 towards Defiance Mo. At about 10:30 we started off. I had dressed for the weather with long sleeves covered by leather and jeans covered with chaps and boots that covered my ankles. Our group had 6 Nortons and a Triumph and down the road we went. It took us about 30 Minutes to get to the Hwys D and DD, it was there that I was signaled to pull over by our white socks Prez. King Mike. He informed us that he was cold and needed to go home and cut his grass. What !!! He had been complaining at the winter meeting how he use more gas in 2013 in his lawn mower than in his Commando. His yard is not that big either. So as I watched his white ankles ride off for his home I turned to Scott D. who had his lovely wife Patty along for the ride, to please lead the way for awhile so I would not get us lost. Scott lives close by and knows the roads better than I do. Along we rode till about lunch time when we can to the town of Augusta I thought maybe the brewery was our destination but we ended up at I think a VFW hall of some sort where they were serving up fried chicken and \$2 beer for some old guy who needed new batteries for his wheel chair. Hope he gets them. After we ate our fill and walked back to our bikes we found them the focal point of a bunch of Harley riders. They asked the usual questions and we gave the usual answers. One of them said as we were leaving "turn on the gas, then kick, kick and kick". WE showed them not always the case as our bike were running good in the cool weather and only required a small amount of proding. A short ride down Augusta bottoms road and Scott lead us the his farm where we ended the ride. After I got back to my house I had 92 miles on the clock. Not a bad way to spend a spring day.

That's all from here forget the beer,

and pass me the whiskey. Steve



2014 Kickstart Meeting







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## Broemmelsiek Park

Contributed by Paul Parsons

Broemmelsiek Park is a fun ride and a great destination to have a motorcycle event. The park is out in New Melle off-highway double D which connects to highway 40 at the Wing Haven exit. The park has camp grounds, it has barbecue areas and also has fishing. I used to fish in this lake before the county purchased it a few years back. I had to put \$5 in and old mailbox, then walk through 2 different horse gates and then walk a quarter of a mile to fish. I landed many 5lb bass, one 7lb bass and two 8lb bass out of the lake over the years. Of course, I had, what I believe was a 10lb-er break my line, right at the shore. So, unless they killed all the fish during reconstruction, there's a good chance to catch fish. When my dad and I rode out there last summer there wasn't a lot of people there. Maybe, because no one can pronounce the name, I know I can't. This might be a good destination to put a ride together and cook some wieners. It's a pretty ride, any way you go and they did a really nice job on the park. [https://maps.google.com/maps?ie=UTF-8&q=Broemmelsiek+Park&fb=1&gl=us&hq=st+charles+county+parks+broemmelsiek&cid=6870663890376759325&ei=fmgWU6nfFcHCqAHy-oCgDg&ved=0CCKQ\\_BI](https://maps.google.com/maps?ie=UTF-8&q=Broemmelsiek+Park&fb=1&gl=us&hq=st+charles+county+parks+broemmelsiek&cid=6870663890376759325&ei=fmgWU6nfFcHCqAHy-oCgDg&ved=0CCKQ_BI)

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## Trash Pick-up 2014

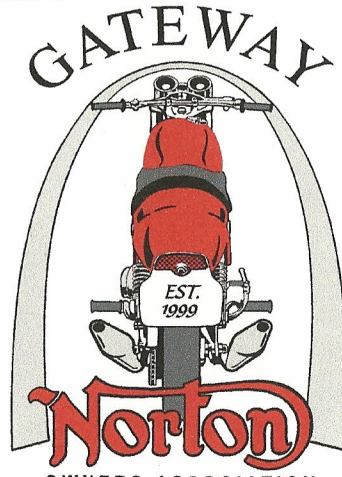
by Steve Hurst

On Sunday April 13 the GNOA held their spring Trash Bash on our adopted mile of highway in St. Charles County. This marks the 4th year that the club has helped the Dept of Transportation of Missouri to maintain 1 mile of highway. The day dawned overcast with a threat of rain that turned into a sure thing as the time grew closer to 9:30 am., the meeting time on Hwy 79. I received a call from the Prez of the Club asking if we were still going to hold the event? I told him I was going to take my picker upper along with the State provided bags and safety vests and go there to see what I, and whoever else decided to show up could get done. He said he had just styled his hair the day before and didn't want to mess up his coiffure. I know his stylist and understand why he doesn't want to piss him off. I also have seen his hair and know that it always looks about the same whether he has taken his helmet off or not had one on. Anyway Mike said to not count on him being able to help us, he is a fair weather guy. Showing up with refreshments for the volunteers I arrived at 930 with a light rain falling. I was the only one there and for a few moments had a feeling of lonesomeness, then came along Scott D. and Bill H. and a call from Marty D. that he was on his way. Great! As we got ready to walk down the road the rain stopped and before 15 minutes had passed the sun was starting to show through the clouds. All total the four of us picked up 20 big bags of trash and litter and finished the mile at about 11:30 just in time for some much needed refreshments. Its 12:00 somewhere rite?! If YOU missed this pick-up never fear I will be having another one in June so stay tuned and keep your picker upper handy so you can help us then.

That's all

from here pass me another beer,

Steve



## FOR SALE

For Sale: Barn Find!! (ok, it was found in my garage) 1986 (I believe) Yamaha 400 Special street bike. 400cc twin 4 stroke. Belongs to my son-in-law and has been in my garage for 10-15 years. Hasn't run in at least that long. Complete and not butchered up. Has title. \$500 Can send pictures. Marty 636-398-4049 [madx2@centurytel.net](mailto:madx2@centurytel.net)

The following article was researched by Marty Dupree



Posted: **19 March 2014**

by **Visordown News**

**A MAN** who claimed riding a BMW K1100RS gave him a permanent erection has had his claim dismissed in court.

Henry Wolf, from California, alleged four hours on the BMW in 2010 left him with an erection for two years.

He sought compensation for lost wages, medical expenses, emotional distress and 'general damages' from BMW and seat-maker Corbin-Pacific.

But the claim has been tossed out by the Superior Court of San Francisco, where judge James J McBride ruled the plaintiff did not present enough supporting evidence. The court accepted testimony of a urologist, Dr Jack McAninch, that the plaintiff suffered from priapism, a condition involving a persistent erection.

But it rejected testimony of a neurologist, Dr Jonathan Rutchik, that it was possible for vibrations from a motorcycle to cause priapism.

The defendants' evidence included testimony from the bike's former and subsequent owners, as well as Corbin-Pacific chief exec Mike Corbin.





Surtees Display



Surtees Matchless

## More from the Barber Motorsports Museum

Bill Henkel

I saw a a lot of interesting things on my visit to the Barber Museum last fall. One thing in particular, leads to the following question. What do the objects in the following photographs have in common? The answer is they were all produced by Vincent Motorcycles.

The first photograph is of a 1951 Vincent Black Shadow, This motorcycle could cruise at triple digit speeds and reach a maximum speed exceeding 125 mph. The next is a 1948 Vincent Rapide, a little less horsepower than the Black Shadow, but still able to cruise at close to 100 mph. The final motorcycle in the group is a 1949, single cylinder, Vincent Comet, often referred to as "Half a Vincent". There was a racing version of this model known as the Grey Flash. The next picture is of a 1955 Vincent Amanda Water Scooter. Vincent produced this in an attempt to remain solvent. The Amanda Water Scooter was truly pioneering and innovative. Unfortunately, fiberglass development was in its infancy in the 1950's and when exposed to the sun would suffer serious distortion. The lawn motor pictured was an additional attempt to keep the company "afloat", something the Amanda could not accomplish – pun intended. They were produced in very low quantities and are extremely rare. This particular mower has a very elite lineage. It was owned by four time 500cc motorcycle World Champion , and one time Formula One World Champion, John Surtees. He still remains the only person to have won World Championships on both two and four wheels. Unfortunately, even with these Un-motorcycle business forays, Vincent was to succumb to the economics of the time and close its doors in late 1955.





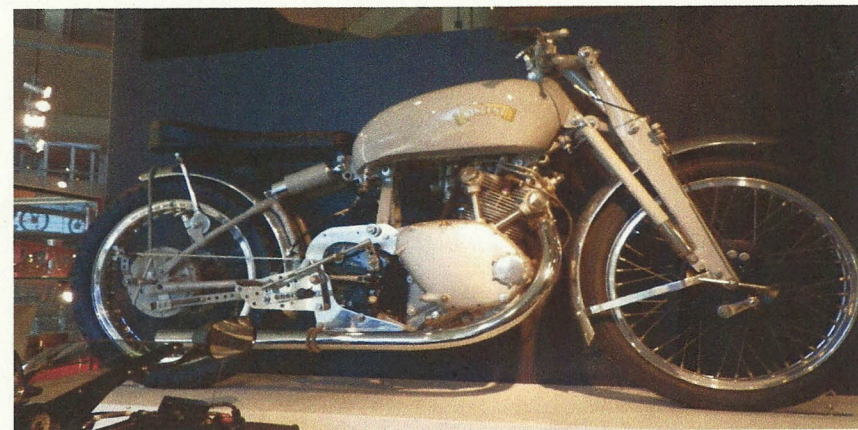
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