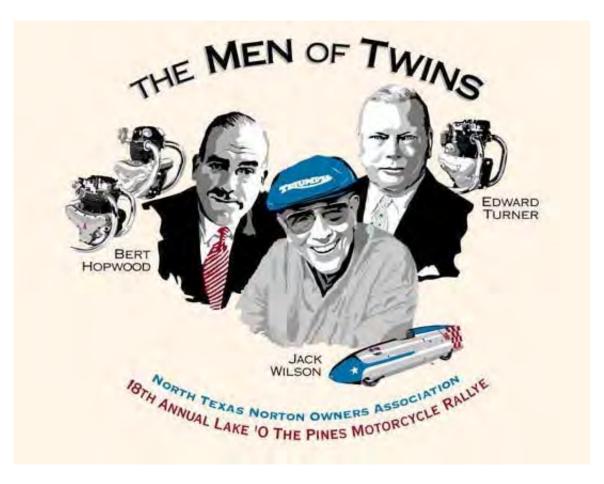


The North Texas Norton Owners Association is an AMA and INOA sanctioned club with an active membership of over 100 enthusiasts located in many states. Most are in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and all are interested in riding, restoring and pampering all types of vintage bikes. Members are dedicated to the preservation of all makes and models of motorcycles, but especially British and European motorcycles.

Every year, on the first weekend of October, we hold a motorcycle rallye in the East Texas Piney Woods near Jefferson City at Big Cypress Marina campground. 2006 attendance was 450+ and over 100 bike show entries.

The following are some of the highlights of past rallies.





The 2002 rallye honored the "The Men of Twins" Bert Hopwood, Jack Wilson, and Edward Turner.



2002 bike show on the shore of the lake



The 2003 Rally honoring Ed Mabry.

Ed is the owner/builder of No. 601. He is a retired Bell Helicopter engineer, a long time race car and race bike builder and a great supporter of the NTNOA. No. 601 runs two turbocharged, fuel burning, "old" Triumph Trident push-rod engines. Together they make more than 450 horsepower. The partially streamlined bike weighs 1,000 lbs. It holds various class records as high as 238mph and has exceeded 260mph.



601 without bodywork



601 bodywork

2004 was the 20th Anniversary of the Lake O' the Pines Rallye
It attracted well over 300 participants. We also had over 100 of the finest restored
British & European motorcycles found anywhere in the world.



2004 t-shirt



2004 bike show



2004 LOP featured the world famous twin engine Norton powered *HOG SLAYER* which was owned and raced by T. C. Christianson.



As a special event we displayed the restored "Texas Ceegar" which had burned in a devastating fire at the National British Motorcycle Museum. The Mangham-Wilson-Allen Triumph streamliner set the world motorcycle speed record in 1956 at 214mph. It was shipped back to its home at the museum in Birmingham, England immediately following the rallye.



Dennis Tackett – Project Manager, Ed Mabry – Frame Restoration, Keith Martin – Lead Mechanic for the entire restoration.



Also in attendance was David Edwards, Editor-In-Chief of <u>Cycle World</u> magazine. He was there to honor his brother <u>Kevin</u>, a long time member of the NTNOA who passed away that year. David presented the Honorary President's Award to the most outstanding bike at the rally. He selected the Texas Ceegar as the winner.

2005 Lake O' the Pines Rallye attracted over 300 motorcycle enthusiasts and 86 Bike Show entries.





Mike Vance's '46 Indian Chief



Rickman Triumph by RPM Cycle



Douglas with Side Car



Triumph Street Tracker by RPM Cycle



Vincent Black Shadow



Another beautiful sunset at LOP

The 2006 Lake O' the Pines Rallye was our 22nd Annual event. It featured <u>Sam</u> Wheeler as Grand Marshal. It drew over 450 people and a display of over 100 bikes.



Sunrise at LOP



Sam with Norton Combat Raffle Bike

Sam Wheeler, fastest man on two wheels, was invited to be our Grand Marshal for the 2006 Lake O the Pines Rallye. Sam was recognized for setting the current fastest one-way pass of 355mph at the recent BUB Speed Trials as well as his record in 1970. In 1969 Sam built a streamliner out of an old aircraft fuel drop tank powered by a single 750cc Norton engine. He took this machine to Bonneville in 1970 and set the record at 208mph on regular pump gas. This was the fastest single engine Norton in motorcycling history. Sam narrated his account of building and racing both bikes.

Here are some photos of outstanding bikes in attendance.



Dean Baker with his immaculate Triumph.



Excelsior



Harley Davidson



BSA Thunderbolt



George Tuttle's '75 Norton Commando



Triumph

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The bikes are ridden as well as shown. Here is Kevin Giles on his '59 Triumph Bonneville.



Ride the plank. Part of the field events we recently added to the festivities.



Another successful rallye!