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# ENERGETTE

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In The 100th Issue:

Mallala Historic Races

NMCSA Xmas Lunch &  
Ride





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But don't stop there, this newsletter is about  
The Norton Motorcycle Club of SA,  
THAT'S YOU.

If you just want to have a picture of your bike in print, or a shot of the latest mod or repair, send it in! Supply as much info as you can and I'll do the rest. Look at Dave Meldrum's comparison of the different Commando tanks in issue #93. A passing observation in the shed filled a whole page and gives great perspective on different options for someone's bike.

Cover photo:

Spreading Christmas **FEAR** to all the children in the land. John H



Dear members

This is my first report since returning from an enjoyable holiday in Europe.

We had our Christmas lunch at the Hotel Oakbank and had a really good turnout of members their partners and family members. We talked Nortons enjoyed good food and drinks.

Mid November I made my annual trip to Bendigo. I bought a few bits, made a few bucks and caught up with friends that I only get to see once a year.

Our December meeting will start at 7pm and hopefully will be short and sweet and by then the food should be ready and will be enjoyed by all.

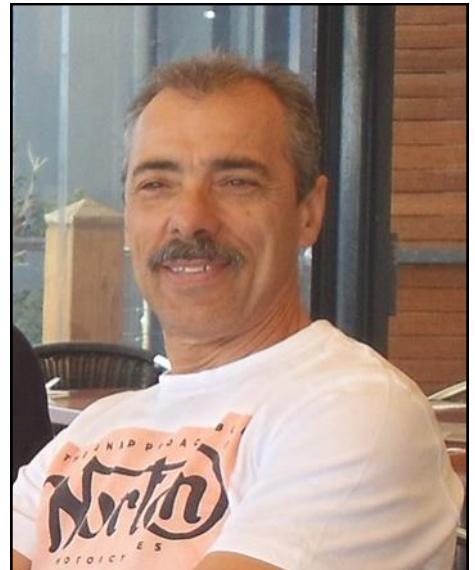
I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and safe new year.

In the meantime enjoy riding your Nortons and stay upright.

Regards,

Your President

Con Desyllas



Hello Readers,

Welcome to the 100th issue of The Energette! To be honest, I didn't even realize it until I was updating the header. 100! Good on ya to all the previous Editors, Ian, Dave R. and our dearly missed 'Uncle' Mal, among others whom I've never met.

Our Christmas lunch was another great event, attended by lots of members and family. My wife Megan, our daughter Eliza and myself stayed until the end, at which point our secretary Bill finally showed up!

Owen has been helping me get my 1971 Roadster back together and it's looking good! There's been a few comical errors (mine) which have slowed progress, but at least I've got to use my homemade deep socket more than once. Here's a helpful hint, don't fit 2 countershaft sprocket spacers, it'll mess up your primary and chain alignment. I'm so confident I'll be riding soon, I've even renewed my rego so I can get my log book sorted at the next meeting. Oh boy, I hope I haven't jinxed myself.



The Ed

D. Hosier



Need to reach the gearbox sprocket nut with the mainshaft in situ?

## General Events 2015

22-24/1/16 Phillip Island International Classic

14/2/16 All British Day - Echunga Recreation Grounds. A Norton Motorcycle Club of SA favourite. Entries close November 16th! For more info go to [www.allbritishday.com](http://www.allbritishday.com)

26-27/4/16 Penrite Broadford Bike Bonanza - Broadford, Victoria  
All sorts of 2 wheeled vintage goodness, from road racing, MX, Trials, and so much more



# Events

## The Mallala Historic Motorcycle Racing Ride – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Official route stats:

Breakfast: Steve's Breakfast Lounge and Grill, Salisbury South.

Stage 1: Salisbury South to Mallala = 96 km.

Breakfast and/or Ride attendees:

Darryl - 750 Commando

Barry - 850 Commando

Doug - 850 Commando

Lindy - 850 Commando

Owen - 750 Commando

Steve R - Suzuki GS

Steve R's son - ?

Trevor - Kawasaki Z

8:30am - Salisbury South

Steve organised eggs, bacon, bread and other assorted foodstuffs to feed the expected multitude of attendees as they arrived. It may be his family is still working their way through the dozens of extra eggs (fried, poached, quiche, pavlova, etc) as we could not possibly get through them all on the day. The sun rose with drizzle but was only overcast by 8:30am. As we chatted and ate, the clouds thinned out and the weather forecast of 'clear day' seemed more accurate.

The Velocette that came unstuck with Steve onboard on the way to the 2014 Christmas lunch ride was on display and undergoing repairs and maintenance. Steve, his workshop equipment and his engineering industry contacts will probably be able to fix the front end better than the last guy that had a go and it may just be more robust than when it came new from the factory.

As 10:00am got closer, messages were received or relayed that some riders had already proceeded to Mallala racetrack earlier and some were still there from the previous days racing. With the barbecue cleaned and the gas switched off, Steve had his son lock up while we prepared for the ride to Mallala. "Let's go the way with all the corners" said Steve, "along the old Two Wells road. "Sounds good to me" says I. The joke being that there is really only a single dogleg in the whole journey once you head north.

10:00am - Stage 1: Salisbury South to Mallala

An uneventful ride: 96km with the centre of the tyres wearing down by the moment. When we arrived at the track, racing was well underway with the roar of grunty 4-strokes competing for 1<sup>st</sup> place in their class division. We parked our bikes to add to the rows of motorbikes already there and wandered our own way toward the track admiring the variety of older bikes interspersed amongst the more modern.

Watching the racing (4-stroke and some 2-stroke) and then wandering through the pits to admire & observe the bikes as they made their way to the sheds consumed the next few hours. Dan (NMCSA member) was there with his two Norton racers. The range of Norton racing models was supplemented by brands, models, engine types, cylinder no's, etc and covered all eras of historic motorcycle championship racing that had not been at Mallala for the last 12 years. Hopefully we won't need to wait that long again to attend another event of such high calibre.



The Crew prepare to leave for the races, fully sated after a hearty brekkie thanks to Steve & his family



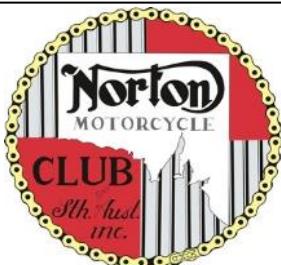
Dan's racing Nortons, absolutely beautiful!



The back end of Dan's bikes, and let's face, the end most other riders get to see



Left & Below  
It's not all about  
Nortons all the time.  
Check out this  
amazing  
8-valve Indian!



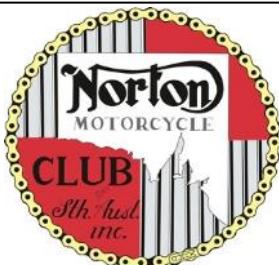
Have you got your ear to the ground? Got a firm grasp on the Norton grapevine?

Whatever the news, if it's Norton related, we want to know.

New parts available, Australian classic racing campaigns, what have you.

Contact us with the story, and pics if available.

Send your info to the Editor at [editor@nmcsa.org](mailto:editor@nmcsa.org)





# Events

## Christmas Lunch Ride – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Official route stats:

Breakfast: Cascada Cafe, 540 Glynburn Road, Burnside, SA.

Stage 1: Burnside to Oakbank = 2 hour duration.

Breakfast and/or Ride attendees:

Con & Penny - 650SS

Dave & Lesley - 750 Fastback

Dave & Rose - 850 Commandoo

John H - 850 Commando

Lindy - 850 Commando

Phil A - Commando/Dominator

Owen - 750 Commando

Trevor - Bonneville Thruxton

Travis - Suzuki DRZ400

8:30am - Burnside

Breakfast at Cascada! Mere words cannot do the food, coffee & service justice. You just had to be there!

10:00am -

Stage 1: Burnside to Oakbank...

By all accounts, a smooth and pleasant ride through the Adelaide hills to arrive at the Oakbank Hotel by midday.

Riders and millions were then joined by other NMCSA members and family for yet another great lunch and conversation.



Above: Some of the early risers, Rose, Dave, Phil & John enjoy brekkie before the ride.

Right, Phil arrives at Hazelwood Park on his Featherbed Commando hybrid





Clockwise from Top Left:  
Gathering for the pre-lunch ride.  
Mmmm, triples, Ian's Laverda Jota.  
The Editor's pic, my baby girl and me enjoying her  
4th NMCSA Xmas lunch.  
A few of the bikes parked out front of the Hotel  
Oakbank. Owen showing me the correct diving technique.  
And Norton Motorcycle Club of SA members



## Meeting 183

**12 / 10 / 15**

OPENING: HV Registrar Dave Rocklyn opened the meeting at 8 pm & welcomed members.

PRESENT: Dave R, Lyndi, Paul K, Dave M, Steve A, Steve S, Ricko, Trevor, Neil, John Mc, Dave Y, Owen G & Jason.

APOLOGIES: Bill, Donald, Con, Ian, Jerome.

SECRETARY: no report

TREASURER: \$59 in; \$210 out; Balance: \$2672.67

REGALIA: Lyndi has found a new embroiderer, can do hats, shirts, polos with Club logo, let Lyndi know, they can be made to order in batches.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Distinguished Gentleman's Ride attended by Dave M & Paul K, 150 plus bikes, a great day out supporting prostate cancer research; Bay-to-Birdwood Dave R went on his 750 Fastback, another tidy Norton there too, plus a 'proddie-racer' from Whyalla; CRABS Ride October 24<sup>th</sup>, supporting cancer research, all welcome; many members enjoyed the Mallala historic racing; Quiz Night October 31<sup>st</sup> at Velocette Clubrooms, get a table together & see Lyndi.

Raffle raised \$26      Norton patch won by John Meeting closed 8:40pm



## Meeting 184

2 / 11 / 15

OPENING: President Con Desyllas opened the meeting at 8 pm & welcomed members & visitor Les.

PRESENT: Bill, Dave M, Paul Knapp, Dave Rocklyn, Ian DeLaine, Donald Hosier, on, Dave York, John Hunter, Phil Allen, Les Tapping, John Mc, Neil G, Tony Gillam, Peter Sinfield, Eddy Spear, Steve Adkins, John Oakes, Cozi, Murray Norton, Owen Greenfield, Ray Sims, Jason Ward, Ricko.

APOLOGIES: Lyndi, Barry Miller, Jerome.

MAIL IN: We are now insured until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016; Yorke Peninsula V & V Motorcycle Club Rally 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Tuck erway Hostel, Pt Vincent, long runs, short runs, meals, camping, entries Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, ph Leon (08) 88373226; Power of the Past March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Barker Oval, working display featuring Norton motorcycles; new 'Oily Rag' in; looking for committee members willing to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> to sign (cheques, etc) for the Club's banking, if only Jason & Bill able to sign can make banking difficult if one of us is absent.

TREASURER: \$395 in; \$859 out (includes \$562 Insurance) Balance: \$2,712.32

CLUB CAPTAIN: Breakfast at Steve Richter's was great, 3-day eggs & heaps of bacon, a drizzling morning turned perfect for the ride to Mallala, great day had by all; Christmas Lunch Ride 10 am from Hazelwood Park (8.30 for breakfast) Toy Run Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Club Ride same day (12<sup>th</sup>), from Top of Taps 10 am; next weekend (Nov 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) is BSA National Rally in Adelaide, Con going Sunday.

EDITOR: new "Energette" out, see Donald; Dave M & Paul went on Distinguished Gent's Ride; thanks to Dave York for ride report; wanting projects & re-builds we can photograph for magazine, contact Donald.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Con returned in time for the Lakes Ride, but jet-lagged so almost slept through it, rode to the servo at Strath, then the Lower Lakes, then the Lakes pub, found nobody anywhere, lonely ride for Con; Les is looking for anyone with a 270 crank for a Norton; the Club's BBQ is missing, big mystery; next meeting is Christmas BBQ, Paul to do the meat, Geraldine & Penny will do the salads, Con to do bread, plates, cutlery & big gas bottle, Steve to do onions, Paul & John to do the cooking, meeting to start at 7 pm.

Raffle raised \$40      Norton patch won by John.      Meeting closed 8.50 pm



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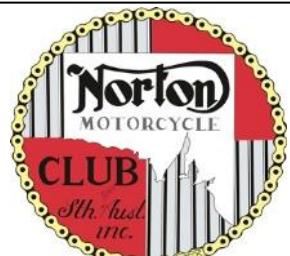
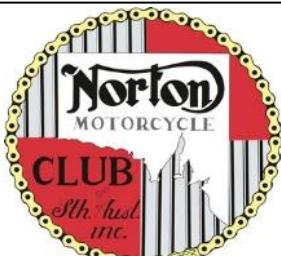
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- Wanted** Hello, I am writing to you from WA, as I am looking for another crankshaft for my '66 Dommie 650. I am a member of the NOC UK and I am sure there would be something available that far away but I wanted to try a little closer to home. If anyone in the SA branch could help me out it would be much appreciated.  
Cheers Stewart Denton-Giles [stewartgiles650@gmail.com](mailto:stewartgiles650@gmail.com)
- For Sale** Norton Commando & Dominator  
Both bikes come with spares.  
\$16,000 each  
Also available, lift stand and tools.  
Please ring NMCSA founding member Gerry Aphorpe  
8270 6203
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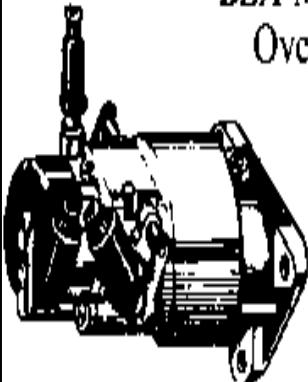
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13th December Southern Ride	Café Buongiorno 93 South Rd O'Halloran Hill	'Top'O'Taps' Weighbridge Cnr South Rd & Black Rd O'Halloran Hill
17th January Hills Ride	Cascada Cafe, 540 Glynburn Rd Burnside	Hazelwood Park Cnr Greenhill Rd & Hawthorn Cres
14th February ABD Breakfast	Check out: <a href="http://www.allbritishday.com">www.allbritishday.com</a>	Entrants for ABD @ 9am
20th March TBA	TBA	TBA
17th April	TBA	TBA
15th May	TBA	TBA
19th June	TBA	TBA

Ride calendar and maps are also posted on our website [www.nmcsa.org](http://www.nmcsa.org)



All rides start at 10am unless otherwise noted.

Calendar is prepared in advance &  
is subject to change.

Please check club notices in Thursday's Advertiser  
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