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ENERGETTE



ALL BRITISH DAY 2016 WRAP UP



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Members wanting any events, services, bike parts, rides, etc. in the ENERGETTE please contact editor with details for inclusion in future issues.

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:

Our tent and crew at the ABD in February



Dear Members,

For those who are unaware it is with great sadness that I inform you on the passing of our club secretary Bill Fisher from a suspected heart attack.

Bill has been our secretary for many years and was well liked and greatly respected by all. He was dedicated to his position and did a stellar job. Bill enjoyed riding his Commando which he completed about two years ago.

R I P Bill.

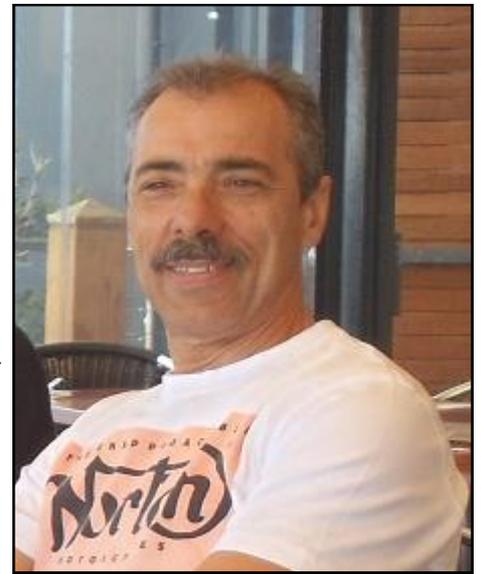
On a lighter note I made my annual trip to Ballarat. The swap was held at a new site. I believe it will be held there for another year and then relocated again to where nobody knows. Being by myself I couldn't hunt around for parts but did make a few bucks so I was happy with that.

First weekend in April I will make a trip to Scorsby. This a motorcycle only swap and in the past I have picked up some really good bargains including Manx and inter parts. I will report on this in the next issue of our mag.

In the meantime enjoy riding your Nortons and stay upright.

Regards,

Your President
Con Desyllas



Hello Readers,

Holy cow, this is the last issue of the Energette before the next AGM in June! As in years past, all Committee positions will be declared vacant and the voting will begin. I've got an inkling Con will positively refuse the Presidency this time so who's gonna step up! If you want to give something a try, now's the time, folks.

In February, our Club lost a valued member and friend. Bill Fisher passed away and it is a great loss to us all. My own memories of Bill start with knowing him as quiet, perhaps shy. But once I spoke to him I discovered a man who was intelligent, had many passions and a good sense of humour. On a few occasions I ran into him at Adelaide Oval during cricket matches, a sport he thoroughly enjoyed. Though he rode a couple different bikes, it wasn't until just a couple years ago he got his Norton back on the road. The smile on his face was bigger than I'd ever seen it when he rocked up on that red Commando, a great moment. Bill, you will be missed.

On the homefront, my own Commando keeps hitting snags. I replaced the 25yo primary belt with a new one, and it's a bit on the tight side. The clutch drum was scraping the inner primary mount so I had to shave a bit of meat off there. Now, I'm chasing some elusive electrical gremlins which seem to be sucking power from my battery when I switch to ignition and lights. After sitting in the shed for a couple of years, some of the wiring has corroded at the old Lucas bullet connectors, one after another I'm finding and replacing these, I think she's due for a complete rewiring. I keep plugging away at it whenever I get a free moment, and it's encouraging to have it all together in one piece now. However, I think I may have jinxed myself by registering it back in December.

Ah well, keep on keeping on, eh?

The Ed

D. Hosier

General Events 2016

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| 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 |
| 28-29/5/16 | Historic Winton - Winton Motor Raceway, Winton, Victoria
Featuring over 400 racing motorcycles and cars from the 1920's to 1980's |

All British Day - 14/02/16

Wow, this event just keeps getting bigger! I arrived early as I'd signed up to traffic marshal the arriving entrants. What a delightful surprise to usher the Bristol Owners Club of Australia through the gate! As so many of them had entered from around Australia, they were given special permission to enter the oval early and I got to see and hear each one of them pass me (and take my expert direction). What beautiful cars!

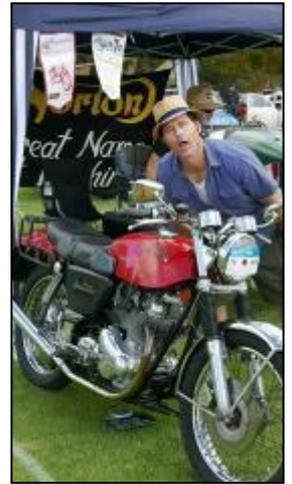
Our club had a few no shows, mostly due to conflicting schedules, but one due to a non-runner (um, me). As usual, there were a few vehicles not seen before, including a Ford GT40 and an excellent display of tractors and large trucks. The carpark also yielded a few gems, my favourite being an exquisite Featherbed framed Kawasaki W1. Other highlights were definitely the freshly baked goods available at the oval clubrooms, the plum tarts being a popular choice, several times over. No to mention, Lyndi's new 'Norton' embroidered table clothes!

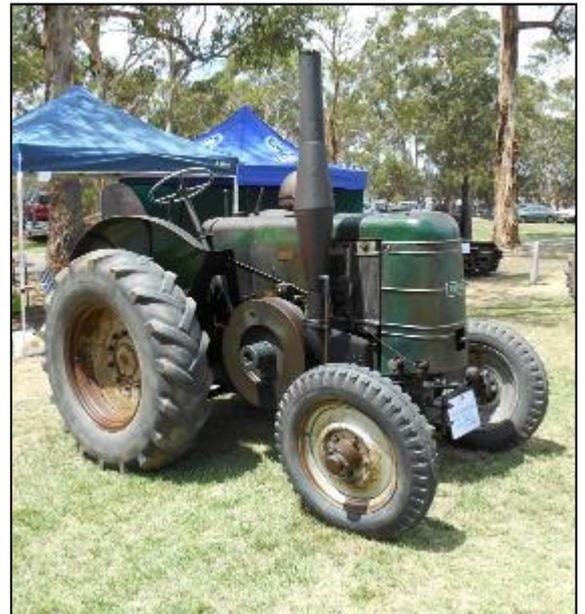
Just a reminder, the ABD needs a lot of people to organize and run, and this year almost didn't happen due to lack of volunteers. Next year it faces even more trouble as a couple committee members have stepped down, so if you like this event, and who doesn't, please contact them and see what you

can do to help.
www.allbritishday.com

D. Hosier

Clockwise from top right: 1. Bringin' the charm, yours truly with Dave R's Fastback
2. Carpark beauties - Triumph Hurricane, BSA Rocket 3, & a couple of Nortons too
3. Our Club Captain enjoying what he loves to do
4. The Bristol Owners Club's Peking to Paris car
5. An HRD speedway outfit
6. The line up at The Norton Motorcycle Club of SA display





Clockwise from top left: 1. A rice burner wrapped in fish 'n' chips. Kawasaki W1 mounted in a Featherbed frame, and done well 2. Neil G in the background, blocking his ears from the roar of John H's Commando.

Guess it's a bit loud with those American bars 3. 'The Field Marshall' tractor, one of a few on display. Check out that exhaust, stolen from a V1 rocket? 4. I couldn't resist another sneaky shot of the W1 Featherbed, love those pipes 5. The NMCSA stand attracted a lot of enquiries and chin wagging 6. The carpark is always well worth a look. That's where you'd find this immaculate BSA Rocket 3

Southern Hills Ride - 20th March 2016

Official route stats:

Breakfast: Caffe Buongiorno, 93 Main South Rd, O'Halloran Hill

Stage 1: O'Halloran Hill to Strathalbyn via The Range = 87km.

Stage 2: Strathalbyn to O'Halloran Hill via Stirling = 76km.

Breakfast and/or Ride attendees:

Dave Y - 850 Commando

Owen - 750 Commando

John H - Moto Guzzi

John S - BMW

8:30am - O'Halloran Hill

Breakfast and coffee on yet another lovely morning but the travellers from the 'Hills' have tales of chill and a later sunrise. By the time everyone is eating breakfast the temperature is almost t-shirt weather again: yes, autumn is on its way! John's mate (the other John) has ridden along for breakfast but must leave to catch a plane instead of riding with us for the day: has he been convinced to replace the BMW with a Norton? Only time will tell!

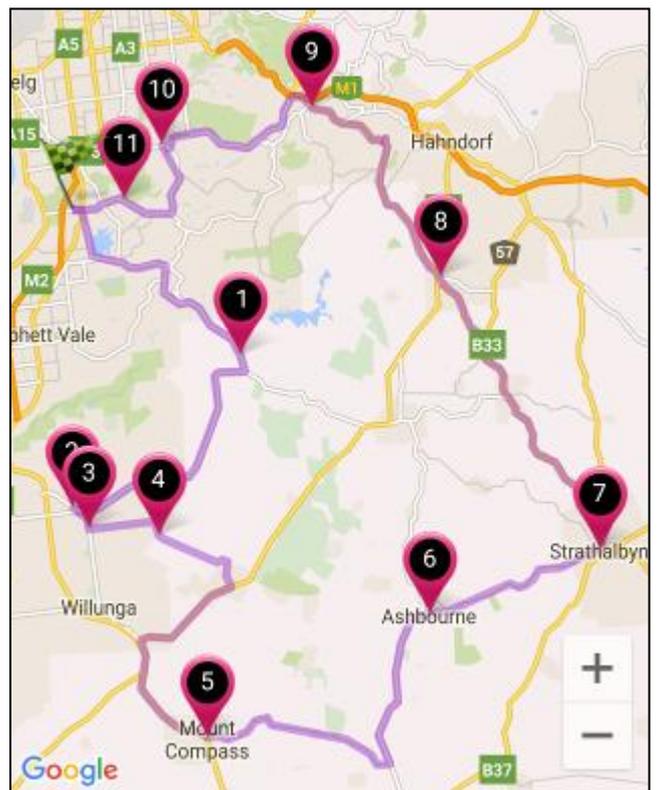
10:30am - Stage 1: Top-o-Taps to Strathalbyn

Jerry (one of the founding Club members) is waiting at the Top-o-Taps bus stop and updates us about the sale of his bikes and how the club formation came about. He is surprised that Donald is not amongst the group as recalls Donald telling him that he would have his bike on the road in February. Maybe next ride?

The three remaining riders set off for a meandering ride through the Fleurieu wine region and southern Adelaide hills. The route: Clarendon - Kangarilla - McLaren Vale - The Range - Mount Compass - Ashbourne - Strathalbyn. We arrived at 'The Garage' in Strathalbyn to be greeted by Ian on his Laverda today. Ian's Norton was almost ready to go but on start-up the rocker oil feed hose had split: we all agree, rather have it go then, than in the middle of nowhere on a cold, wet night. A coffee, a chat, a perusal of the bikes and those that ride them and we're off again! Hang on, where's John? There he is, lingering around the new 'Guzzis on the shop floor. Distraction over - now, we're away!

12:10am - Stage 2: Strathalbyn to Top-o-Taps via Stirling

Another winding road ramble through even more southern hills: Strathalbyn - Echunga - Mylor - Stirling. The Stirling pub is full of people, good for business, but the food ordering line is going to be a problem. We opt instead for a slow ale and a look-around before heading off. Dave goes his own way to get stuff done but John must return to O'Halloran Hill to retrieve his bag that he has confirmed is now behind the counter of the Caffe Buongiorno. We make our way through the hills again via Crafers and Blackwood and Flagstaff Hill to have another coffee where we had breakfast 4+ hours ago. The circle is complete: time to head home!



Farewell to a Friend

As most of you know by now, Bill Fisher, our Club Secretary, passed away from a heart attack suddenly and unexpectedly in February. Bill will be missed dearly by all who knew him. Being the quiet type, it seems he was also a bit camera shy, I couldn't find many photos of him in the archives.

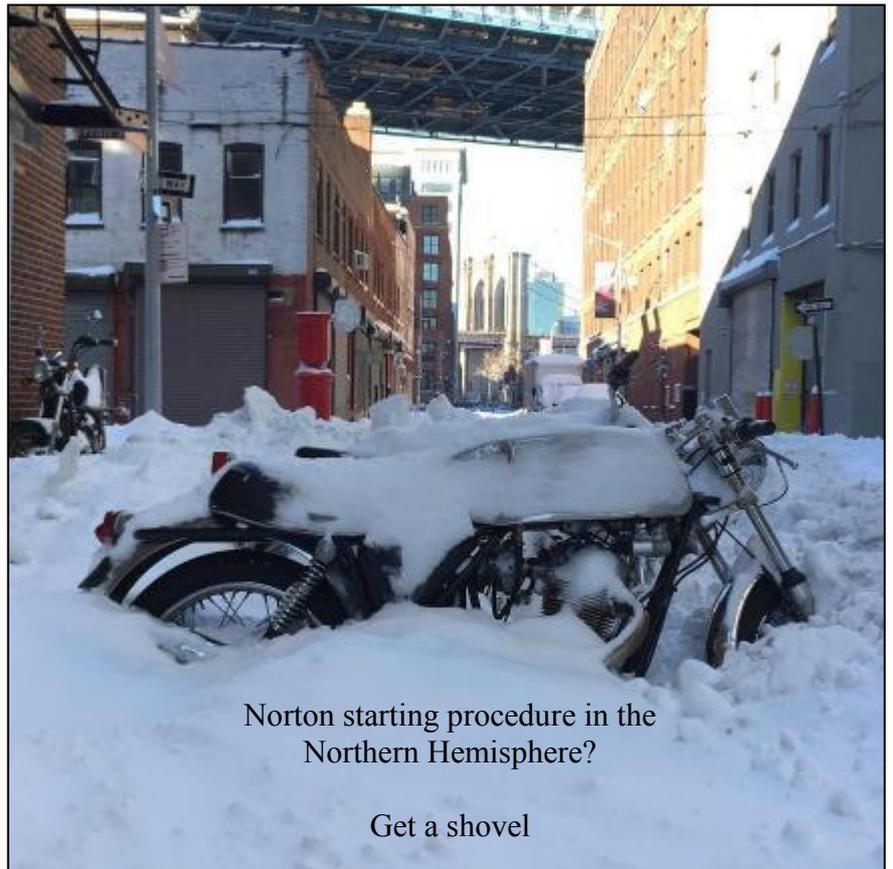
The Club placed a notice in The Advertiser to honour our fallen brother, which you can read below. We owe a thank you to Paul K for being our point of contact for the coroners office as well as Bill's next of kin.



"FISHER, William "Bill". The Committee and Members of The Norton Motorcycle Club of SA Inc. are saddened by the loss of our long standing Club Secretary, Bill. He was a part of our Norton family for many years and will be remembered for his dedication to the Club. We will miss Bill's capable talents, his quiet demeanor in getting the job done, his sense of humour and friendship to all who knew him. Bill walked and rode his own path, we say goodbye to a brother to all." - The Advertiser 12/03/16

Winter is Coming?

I've been listening with amusement at the grumblings that the cold weather is encroaching. Us poor motorcyclists will have to endure such hardship if we want to go for a ride, so much so that some of us won't even bother. Puh-lease! We know not what winter is.



Norton starting procedure in the Northern Hemisphere?

Get a shovel

ARE YOU ON CLUB CONDITIONAL REGO?

PLEASE READ THESE NOTES

This is a reminder of some of the conditions that apply to our "Historic" Conditional Rego scheme.

If you are on a Club log book , rego is only valid when various conditions are met :

All members on the scheme or considering joining are required to have read and understood the Code of Practice for Historic Vehicles

Google "SA historic rego" (its easier) or try this link :

http://www.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/10439/code_of_practice_historic.pdf

A hard copy is also available to read at meetings from the Club registrars.

This explains all requirements of the Conditional Historic Scheme.

In addition to having current paid up "rego", your log book needs to be stamped/validated for each current club financial year, so you can make entries in it each time you ride.

To do this, you provide to the Club Registrar:

- Proof of financial club membership for the year.
- Your existing log book (if a new one is to be issued , present your old / expired book)
- A Statutory Declaration confirming your vehicle is still eligible
- Your current blue registration papers for stamping by the registrar
- A Club registrar inspection of your vehicle, required at a minimum every 3 years. The last inspection date should be written in your Log Book. Plan ahead.

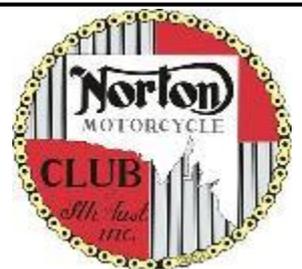
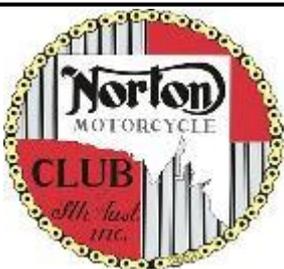
Remember, rego is then valid when you make an entry in your log book for that day and all other requirements are met. You must carry your log book with you on each journey.

Club Registrars are volunteers, they are not your "mother".

It is your rego, it's up to you to ensure you remain compliant.

If "historic rego" is too hard for you, no problem, normal rego is your option.

If you have any questions pick up the phone and call one of the Club Historic registrars



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Norton Plunger rear wheel adjusters
Con 0417 005 235

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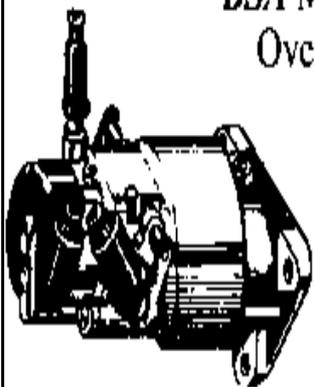
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Date/Ride

Brekky @ 8:30am

Ride @ 10:00am

10th April
Barossa
(counter-clockwise)

Golden Fleece Hotel
77 Murray St
Gawler

Shell Gawler
12 Murray St
Gawler

15th May
Northern Hills

Cascade Cafe
540 Glynburn Rd
Burnside

Hazelwood Park
Greenhill Rd & Hawthorn Cres
Hazelwood Park

19th June
Clare Valley

Café De Vilis
426 Main North Rd
Blair Athol

Kart Mania
1 Port Wakefield Rd
Gepps Cross

10th July
Murray River

The Stirling Hotel
52 Mount Barker Rd
Stirling

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14th August
Barossa
(clockwise)

Golden Fleece Hotel
77 Murray St
Gawler

Shell Gawler
12 Murray St
Gawler

11th September
Lake Alexandrina

Montagna Café
11/10 Coromandel Pde
Blackwood

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Ride calendar and maps are also posted on our website 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
or call the Club Captain @ 0401 211 256

