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MEETINGS held on the 1st Monday of the month, 8.00pm start
NO MEETING IN JANUARY and on Public Holidays
when the meeting will be held on the following Monday



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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:

A cockpit view of a 1927 Norton 16H at the Classics At Hart. What a beauty!



President's Blurb

Dear Members,

I warned you, you pack of mongrels! I said I'd be too busy this year to give The Energette my full attention, but ya voted me in as editor anyway. Well here ya have it, a month late a dollar short. Ah well, better late than never, they say. I suppose I could've at least filled the pages with another month's worth of content, but then I'd have nothing left for December's edition. And with the way things are going on the home front, December's edition may well be January's edition.

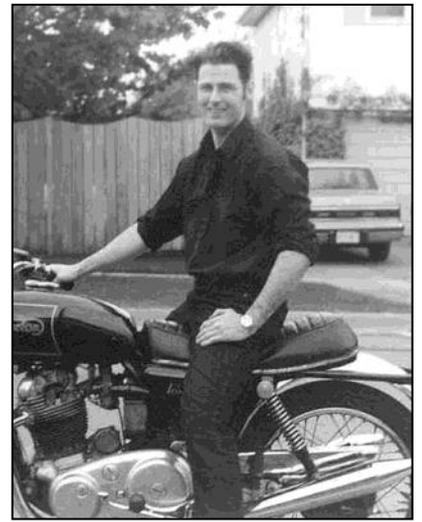
I can't even find my Norton right now, the shed is packed to the gills with boxes and furniture, as we try and sell our house. I felt terrible I couldn't help a fellow Club member out when he asked if I had any spare steel clutch plates. I know I've got some, just don't know which box they're in.

I have managed a few hours here and there to get out and socialize, last month's Balhannah swap meet being one example. I thought it would be a good idea to take my 5yo Eliza with me, to give the wife some time to herself. Many blankets were tucked around her as we headed off in the chilly Hill's morning in the old Land Rover. Upon arrival, a hot bacon & egg sandwich failed to keep the little one warm on the dewy oval, so I placed her on the still warm bonnet until the sun finally rose above the trees. I wasn't expecting to purchase much, so I didn't mind missing out on the early pickins'. We finally got a chance to do a full circuit, and I was happy to score a good set of spare Commando peashooters and a Malcolm Smith Racing desert tank (ya, not Norton related, unless you're planning on racing your P11 in the Baja 1000). The highlight of the day was, unsurprisingly, listening to Dave & Con argue over whether the rusty Commando forks Con was selling were worth anything more than a six pack. Eliza got a real kick out of that and is firmly on Team Meldrum.

Other than that, I've been stuck at home, first fixing it all up, and now keeping it perfect for a seemingly never ending stream of open houses. Fingers crossed!

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Norton Rides

Northern Hills Ride – 13th August 2017

Official route stats:

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

Stage 1: Hazelwood Park to Lobethal = 29km.

Stage 2: Lobethal to Birdwood = 16km.

Breakfast and/or Ride attendees: Dave Y - 850 Commando, Greg - 850 Commando. John H - 750 Commando, Owen - 750 Commando, Phil - Featherbed Commando, Tony G - Motorcycle

8:30am – Burnside

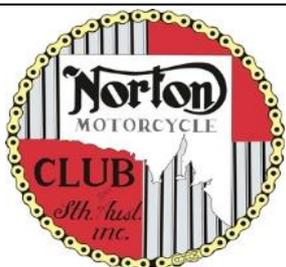
Breakfast as usual. Food for some, coffee for most and Norton chat for all. Nip around the corner to Hazelwood Park at 9:45am to check for more riders. Gear on and we're off at 10:00am! Oh no, lost two already... still at the cafe, it seems.

10:00am – Stage 1: Hazelwood Park to Lobethal

Five depart with dry roads and clear skies to saunter our way through the hills to the catch-up stop in Lobethal. We wait and we wait and no-one else arrives. Righto, we're off again.

11:45am - Stage 2: Lobethal to Birdwood

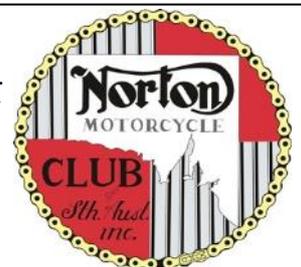
Birdwood! The proposed site for the 2019 NMCSA 20th anniversary national rally! The grounds and parks of the National Motor Museum at the Birdwood Mill are examined in some detail and discussed at length until we're really parched. Across the road, we retire to the Blumberg Hotel for refreshments and yet more discussion of the logistics and rally preparations. The day is young, where to next... for those with the day still free? A leisurely ride along the Palmer road to Murray Bridge, Wellington, Langhorne Creek, Strathalbyn and then to head home!



Let us know what's going on in your shed! Full engine rebuild, restoration, chasing elusive mechanical gremlins, even just basic maintenance or race prepping. Share your experiences with us, it just might help someone else solve a problem or learn something new!

Contact us with the story, and pics if available.

Send your info to the Editor at editor@nmcsa.org



Norton Rides



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.

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Norton Events

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride - 24th September 2017

Unfortunately I didn't make it to the DGR this year, too many obligations at home. Luckily, Owen got a heap of great shots of some even greater bikes. Adelaide bettered its 2016 donations by more than \$20,000, getting a total of \$72,374 in donations for men's health. Good on ya, you bloody crow eaters! Anyway, I'll let the photos do the talking. Donald



Nortons First, of course! Clockwise from top right: Another beauty 961 Commando on the streets of Adelaide. You're welcome at the Norton Motorcycle Club of SA!; Dave R looking good as always; Dave M's Atlas; Always good to see Darren's Proddie out, what a stunning machine!; & a rarely seen Commando SS, lovely

Norton Events



What a variety of machines! Clockwise from top left: I love me a sweaty classic like this BSA; Now that's a happy Triton owner; An immaculate Indian, nice shot, Owen!; Custom XS650 Yammy; A Vincent Comet. If that don't stir something in your no-no spot, I don't know what will; A small sampling of the crowds that gathered in Ebenezer Place for the start of the ride.

Thanks again for the photos, Owen!



Norton Rides

Southern Coast Ride – 10th September 2017

Official route stats:

Breakfast: Caffè Buongiorno, 93 South Road, O'Halloran Hill, SA.

Stage 1: O'Halloran Hill to Myponga = 60km.

Stage 2: Myponga to Port Elliot = 72km.

Breakfast and/or Ride attendees: Con - 650SS, Dave R - 750 Fastback, Dave Y - 850 Commando, Owen - 750 Commando, Phil - Featherbed Commando

8:30am – O'Halloran Hill

The Nortons roll up: the balanced roar of twins. All Commando engines, from a Fastback to a Featherbed special: 750s and 850s. Breakfast and coffee are outside today on a bright but cloudy day. Fuel up and head just up the road to the meet-up point for the ride. Four becomes five as Con is waiting there: another twin for the ride but this one a 650SS.

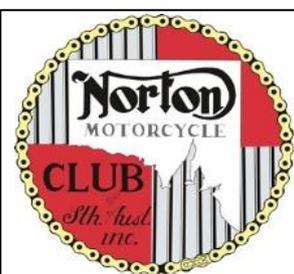
10:00am – Stage 1: O'Halloran Hill to Myponga

We veer to the left for Chandlers Hill but, as we follow a ute and trailer up that incline, parts are seen bouncing along the road in front of us. Aha, it appears that the last remaining wheel nut to the left has departed the trailer. Soon, that wheel rolls off into a driveway as the trailer grinds its way up the road. The ute, the trailer and the five Nortons come to a halt on the sloping verge albeit with an excellent view over Adelaide. The wheel is retrieved from a house's front fence, the ute driver is still scratching his head but there is nothing more we can do here so we ride on. No children, pedestrians, cyclists or motorcyclists killed by negligence and lack of maintenance today: today is a good day. The rest of the journey via Kangarilla, The Range, Page's Flat Road (a passenger in an upturned car in a creek died here two days ago) is quite uneventful. A cuppa tea, a bbq snag or both is the order of the day at the Myponga market hall in the old cheese factory. Some 'car drivers' are discussed.

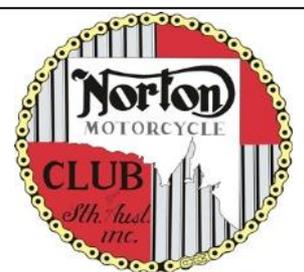
11:45am - Stage 2: Myponga to Port Elliot

Forewarned, this next leg includes the Inman Valley 'goat track' once we loop past the reservoir, Myponga Beach, Normanville and Yankalilla. Everyone seems game so off we go! Think your Norton's suspension is set-up ok? This could be the test track for Dakar rally racers (or should be). Picture this: amongst the ripples, the bumps, the gravel there is a decent straight with dappled shading from an avenue of trees: don't relax, perhaps midway, there 'feels' to be a bump across the bitumen about as big as a breadbox! Hold on tight and grit your teeth... you're on South Australian country roads.

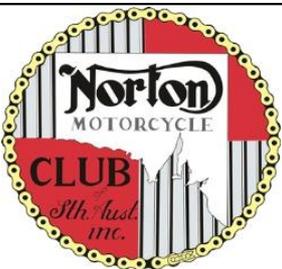
Through Victor Harbor we go and onto Port Elliot for lunch under the verandah of the Royal Family hotel. Where to now? We break into groups to head our various ways toward home.



Norton



Norton Rides



Meeting 203

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OPENING: President Don Hosier opened the meeting at 8:10pm and welcomed members. Steve & Jan Adkins announced they will be in the UK for the next few months, hope to be back early in the new year

PRESENT: Committee: Don Hosier, Ian Delaine, Jason Ward, Dave Rocklyn, Owen Greenfield, Lyndi Tietz, Steve Richter, Murray Norton, Barry Miller **Members:** Dave York, Phil Allen, John Hunter, Neil Gloyn, Steve & Jan Adkins, Paul Knapp, Eddy Spear, Ian Robertson, Ricko, Cosi, Bevo, Trevor Key, David Veitch, John McNaughton **Apologies:** Dave Meldrum, Jerome Munchenberg, Con Desyllas

TREASURER: In \$590.00 Out \$140.00 Balance \$1172.50

SECRETARY: N/A

CLUB CAPTAIN: Reports on www.nmcsa.org; Next ride 13th, Hills Ride, brekky at 8:30, ride at 10:00, catch up in Lobethal

REGALIA: Still have bags & polo shirts. New shirts coming

REGISTRAR: No news

LIBRARIAN: No news

FEDERATION: Next meeting 19th August

GENERAL BUSINESS: Classics At Hart coming up in October, Club voted to sponsor 1930's era trophy for \$150; Steve R reminds us about the Eudunda show, Nov 11 & 12, stay at his place on the Saturday night, bike show on Sunday; John H discussed the 20th Anniversary Rally

RAFFLE: Bottle of Port Ian Robertson **Shirt** Owen Greenfield **Raised \$66.30**

CLOSED: 8:50pm

Meeting 204

04/09/17

Present: many, despite the crap weather - a better than usual turn up. Well done all.

Apologies: yes some did need to apologise - notably Donald, Jerome and Steve R. Jon Mc N got in early and apologized for his next 3 months of bad behaviour - a regular at meetings - John has decided to lock up the Norton and head to warmer climes.

New Members: yes Peter Marshall joined up and has a Mk111 Commando we will be seeing regularly on Club rides.

Treasurers Report: In \$213.30 and sent out \$287 Balance \$1098.80 Insurance bill will be in soon - last year was \$533 ish and also we have \$50 for Federation membership due.

Secretary: Jason stood in and read some news, reminder of V&V swap meet at Balhannah - motorcycle stuff only 1st October. Federation sent us info re new Historic /Conditional Rego + Constitution

Club Captain: Owen continues to lead us astray thru the Adelaide surrounds. Last ride through familiar turf - Lobethal, Mt Pleasant and Birdwood - and he still managed to lose Barry and Tony when they were left snoozing at the bakery. Next ride to Top of Taps - top roads through the Fleurieu - Myponga, Inman Valley - great roads to test your suspension or ailing backbones

Regalia: Lyndi has some new long sleeve tees, hoodies etc - all with Club logo printed or embroidered. Wants to have some pictures in next magazine so people can order early for Christmas pressies.....when no-one knows what to give you ... also some beanies cos it looks like this winter is not over yet

Registrars: ticking over - is easier now for Club Registrars with new regulations. It is much easier for members

Federation: Ian let us know that the Federation has a grant scheme for youngsters (under 26) to encourage them to restore an old vehicle. Up to \$500 - young must own the vehicle and grant would be for work that is "current" not already done. A great initiative to encourage youth

Librarian: Murray has a new Oily Rag mag and reminds us of our Clubs comprehensive library - manuals and more. Yes more.

General Business: now the fun starts ! Much conversation - occasionally on track - but we just talk NORTON. Barry started with the ongoing saga of rechroming exhaust headers. Too much to repeat here cos i type slow . HOWEVER - Barry went down this track as many new headers STILL DONT FIT . Even brands once reputable and I won't mention names - come to a meeting if you want the nitty gritty. Anyway Con mentioned he has bought pipes and mufflers off a mob called Feked. Well actually his missus Penny had to buy them cos it was over the internet and we all know Con still uses a Nokia 3450 - Back to the Norton conversation - Con had no problems at all with fitting the pipes + good quality mufflers, so he suggests we should all go get feked; **Unofficial Social Organiser** - Owen needs to put the Christmas Lunch run in the calendar. Whichever date in November we choose - meant someone couldn't go - Con with his swap meets -Paul with dual citizenship (clubs that is), so in the end we picked 26 Nov. Lyndi has been talking to the Largs Pier Hotel which is as far from the hills Oakbank pub as you could get - so the meeting decided on a sea change . Last time I was at the Largs - Cold Chisel were playing.....; **Owen** - likes to wear a beanie but has many hats. He wants to keep improving the website and asked for us at the meeting to offer ideas . Same for Facebook and there's also a group called Norton Motorcycles - on line - if you know what i mean - err what he means . Seems easy for those that know , Owen - can you do a Magazine article - Norton MCC of SA online for dummies? That'll fill a few pages and keep Donald stress free + happy!; **Ian D** asked the knowledgeable ones re isolastics on Commandos. He still has the early shim type - and they have been perfectly fine in the past - but now after 20 years the rubbers may have gone soft/ hard/ egg shaped/oval or a combination of all. General consensus - go with the Mk 111 type adjustable and enjoy the ride. Barry says check out road and race in Vic - good advice has the Mk111 kits etc. More problems with Ians bike in that he needs a wheel trued. It is true we are losing those artisans, they are getting harder to find - however Dave M is happy to suggest Hoeyes - well known motorcycle wheel specialist at Pooraka; Ian had a reminder re the Macclesfield Bike show / swap meet. Lions club put it on all proceeds to local needs + good community event. Get along if you can Nov 5 th - \$5 will get you entry/display on the day, and a free sausage. A good one to support; General banter re **The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride** - 24 Sept. Several hands went up as participants , including one gentlewoman.

RAFFLE: A fantastic **NORTON CLOCK** was donated for the raffle and happily won by **Jason**.

Meeting "closed" about 9pm. The interior heating was doing a great job so many hung around for more social chat and catch ups and a special thanks goes out to **Greg** from the Velo Clubrooms for being there for us + with keys! :)



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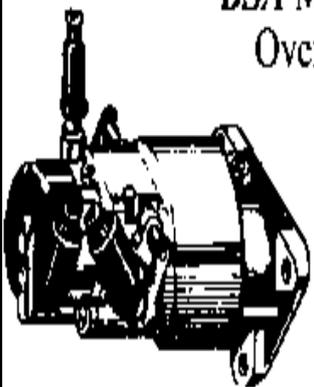
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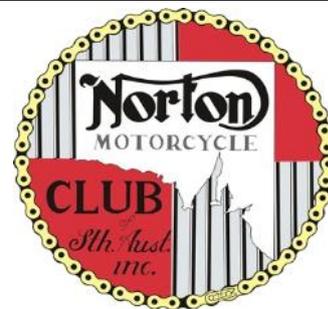
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Ride @ 10:00am

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