

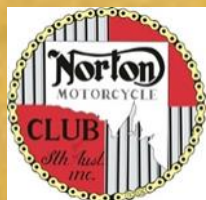
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NORTON MOTORCYCLE CLUB of SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
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But don't stop there, this newsletter is about
The Norton Motorcycle Club of SA,
THAT'S YOU.

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:
Con's 1949 Manx 350cc engine
Check it out on page 5



President's Blurb

Dear Members,

Everything old is new again. That's how it went at our AGM in June, anyway. While most positions remain the same, Dave Meldrum has taken up the reigns as Ride Captain, this being his third time in 20 years! Also, Dave Rocklyn is now handling our website. Congratulations and thank you to all who were voted in to the 2018/19 Committee. And thank you to everyone for allowing me to remain as your President for another year. Oh, and your Editor!

At the suggestion of Trev, we held a sausage sizzle at our June meeting. Not only did this help raise funds for the club (\$2 a serve, bargain!), it was great to see all the crew hanging out, laughing and socializing before we started the meeting. Big thanks to Trev, Lyndi, and Steve R for helping out with that. We'll do it again soon.

The Club recently voted on some changes, including loosening restrictions to allow members to register non-Norton historic vehicles with us. You no longer need to own a Norton to obtain a log book for your 30+ year old vehicle if you're a financial member with the NMCSA. Remember, we're a club for Norton owners and *enthusiasts*, and hopefully this will help boost numbers in the Club.

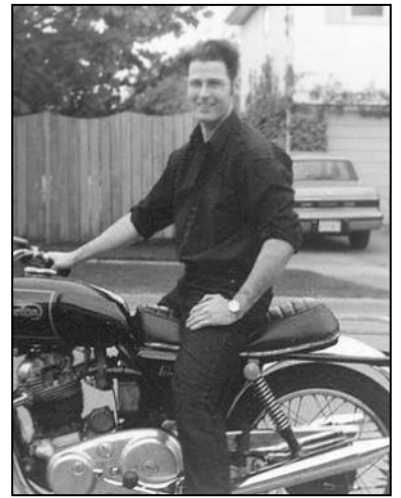
There seems to be no shortage of events for enthusiasts to enjoy here in SA. Flip over a few pages and you'll find there's 6 dates to remember before the end of the year, and that's just motorcycle specific stuff! The NMCSA will have a display at the Lions Classic Bike show in Macclesfield, and possibly a few others as well, we just need to get a few members to commit some time. There's also the annual Motorfest on Oct 1st, held by the Military Vehicles Preservation Society of SA at Edingburgh Parks, and just about every weekend there's informal vintage car/bike meets in parking lots across the state, the Cars & Coffee movement being one of the most popular.

I'd like to take a moment to thank our Energette sponsors, Murray's Britbikes, K&M Motorcycles, GC Motorcycles, OK2F. These guys have consistently supported our Club over the years and provide excellent services to the motorcycling community as a whole. Be sure to support them as well.

Well, that's it for now, enjoy the 30th issue of The Energette by yours truly! That's right, I've doing this for 5 years, aren't you lot sick of me, yet?

Your Pres (again)
The Editor (still)

Donald



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Norton Rides

Club Rides

Dave Meldrum

Club Captain again. This is my third time as Club Captain. After doing this role in the past the following scenario seems to have worked and was compiled from member input.

All rides start at 10 am with a coffee stop after a hour or so riding, ride for another 2-3 hours stop, have a chat then call it a day ending 2/3 in the afternoon no lunch break.

Four start points to be used, 'Top of Taps' at the Main South Rd & Black Rd bus stop, Hazelwood Park on Greenhill Rd between Hawthorn Cres & Howard Tce, Gepps Cross in the Kart Mania car park, Gawler at the Shell station on Murray St. These locations have been 'nutted out' over the years, these being close to petrol stations and a safe area to assemble a group.

Areas to be covered will range from the Barossa valley, the hills zone and the southern area (McLaren Vale, Meadows, Myponga, Victor). The last ride of the year will be a longer ride e.g. down to Milang, Langhorne creek (I think this year it is listed as Barossa? so might leave that).

Ride speed will be governed by the smaller/slower bike on the day, or set legal speed limit. Riders to obey road rules, as a group we represent the Norton Motorcycle Club Of South Australia.

Other makes of bike are welcome on our rides, e.g. if your Norton is not running, but will be asked to ride at back of group. Visitors are welcome on rides. If a large group, 'corner spotters' will be asked for.

This is not set in concrete and I am always open to suggestions. Also on rides, if someone knows the area and can show us scenic riding, I am happy for them to lead the way.

Barossa Ride - 17th June 2018

This is my first ride after being voted back in as Club Captain and standing by myself at the start point in the Shell petrol station in Gawler in 5 degrees I thought "things just don't change". And to make matters worse, whilst paying for my fuel, the attendant said "you are brave riding in 5 degrees and I wonder what the wind chill factor on a bike is?"

After feeling lonely for the next 5-10 minutes the distinctive sound of pea shooters mufflers could be heard coming around the corner, accompanied by the smiling face of Greg and his ZZ Top beard. Pleasantries exchanged and we set off via Cockatoo Valley, Seppeltsfield Drive, Greenock, Nuriootpa and Angaston for a coffee stop and chat. Whilst a very cold start we rode in sunshine and not a drop of rain.

After talking Norton for half hour or so Greg was just about to bid farewell when once again the familiar sound of pea shooter mufflers could be heard as Rick pulled up with the greeting of "Geez it's a bit cold to be doing this, isn't it!" As we chatted, the rain clouds could be seen coming in over the hills, Greg bid his farewells and headed for home while Rick and I rode into a rain storm that lasted about 5 minutes. Down through Eden Valley, Springton, Mount Pleasant and a brief stop and chat at Birdwood. Rick headed home and I made my way over to Lobethal through Mt Torrens and once again copped a rain storm for 5 minutes just before Lobethal, as I pulled up out the front of the coffee shop and parked in the line-up of bikes.



I was glad not to be the only brave motorcyclist out on a cold day! A chin wag and coffee with other 'brave men' always lightens the heart (that's what I told myself anyway). I was amazed at the number of trial type bikes in the line-up and as I chatted to their owners I was informed that not only does the Adelaide hills offer great tar road riding the hills are full of fantastic dirt roads and the wet brings the 'dirt bike boys' out in force, not my 'cup of tea' but each to his own. I pulled the water proofs back on and said my good byes to the sound of "That old girl shouldn't be out in the wet, mate, but each to his own!" A run down through the Gorge Road over to the Chain of Ponds and home! All up a bit cold in the morning and the rain was nothing to be worried about and long johns and water proof pants solves that problem, so another great day out on the Norton. So come on guys/gals, that Norton was not made to be a trophy, come out on a club ride!!! **Dave M**

Norton Show & Tell

Con's First Manx - 1949 350cc

At the July meeting Con brought in one of his treasures, the engine from his first Manx, a 1949 DOHC 350cc. He bought it as a complete, non-running bike 40 years ago, no doubt for a pittance, though the engine had been fitted to a Featherbed frame from an Inter instead of the original 'Garden Gate'. It had no exhaust and the exhaust cam pin had let go.

Con raced the bike for 12 years, this engine never giving him any trouble, until the big end eventually let go.

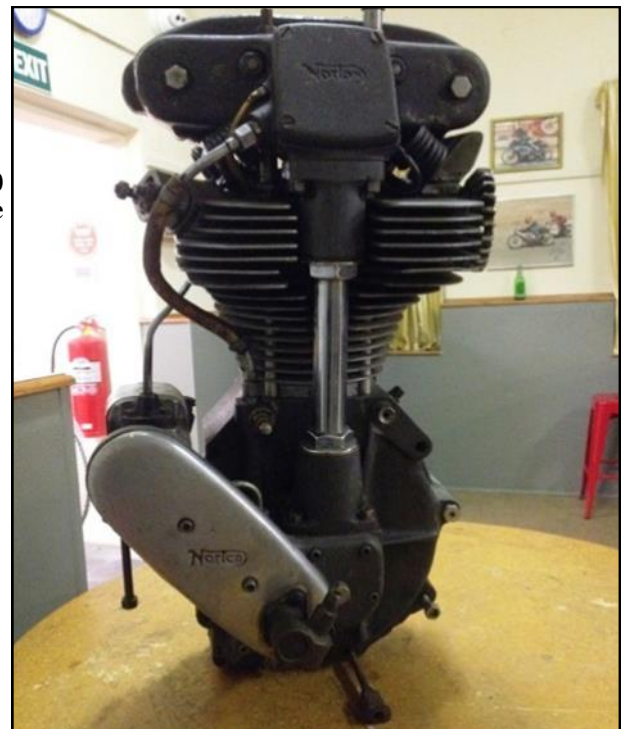
The 1949 bikes were only given to the top dealers for the top riders to race, so right away we know this engine is special. Over the years, Con has learned through researching the engine number and other markings, that this engine was built and raced by Harry Hinton, including at Bathurst. Harry Hinton was a successful rider both here in Australia and on the Continent. Seeing as the engines were not available to the average punter, it's not unreasonable to think Con's engine may have been the one that Harry rode to 15th place at the 1949 Isle of Man TT Junior as part of the Grand Prix Championship! Harry finished 9th in the Senior TT that year, and also finished 10th at the Dutch GP on the 350cc, 8th on the 500cc. Harry was the first Australia to score points in the premier 500cc division, and for the 1950 season, he finished 9th overall in 500cc World Championship.

Con's first Manx could be a lot more special than he realizes.



Harry Hinton at the IOMTT. Has Con's engine raced at Isle of Man?

Timing side of Con's 350 DOHC Manx engine



Drive side shot of this magnificent magnesium beauty



Below: Club members have a sticky beak and ask questions about Con's pride and joy



Norton Travel(?)

New Zealand Motor Museums

NMCSA Vice President, Steve R, has spent more time away from home on work this year than he would care to think about. But while away in New Zealand for an extended period, he managed to squeeze in some time to take in a few museums. He took over 250 photos, so I whittled it down to just a few choice Nortons. We'll let the pictures do the talking.



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Above: No trip to NZ is complete without seeing a couple of John Britten's creations

Below: Burt Monro's legendary Indian and lesser known Velo. Displayed among lawnmowers at E. Hayes & Sons Hardware



Norton Rides

Southern Ride - 15th July 2018

Well it wasn't *just* a ride for Daves, but with Dave M, Dave R and Dave Y all there, it nearly was! Neil (alias Dave M2), Ian (alias Dave D), and Lesley (alias Dave R2) also joined us.

It was always going to be a cold day, so thermals were on, but the rain gods stayed away. We started out early, it's usually an hour across town for us to the start point. Fortunately most Sunday drivers were still asleep and we made good time to the Caltex at O'halloran Hill for a coffee before doing the last 100m to the meeting place at 'Top of Taps'. The Caltex only had a push button coffee machine, no fancy baristas here, so we figured you only live once and ordered two self serve cups to go. It was actually REALLY GOOD coffee and at \$1 a cup, or was it \$2 for two, can't remember...was excellent value.

Anyway - oh yeah we then met up - admired Dave M2's bike, has a new shiny facelift and had intestinal surgery on the ol starter kit. In top condition now for another 40 years!! Not that there's anything wrong with a well used-looking Norton, of which a couple were also in attendance.

Off we head down and out via Grants Gully Rd to Clarendon, had suggested a stop there for a catch up, but as we were all caught up that only lasted 20 seconds and we were off again. Dave R tested the memory banks and found Bakers Gully Rd toward McLaren Vale.

Must've been a good 'un as we saw about 20 or more bikes coming from the other end (and some 3 legged Spyders of the CanAm variety). Made me think how lucky we are to enjoy our small group and "loose" structure to a Sunday ride. We continued on, Dave R looking full of confidence he knew exactly where his trusty Norton was taking us. No GPS required. A left there, a right, round the sweeping bend, over and along the ridge.

Another left and that's when I knew we had taken a wrong turn as we pulled up at "The Kangarilla Temperance Hall". Well, despite their Temperate nature they did provide a welcome Public Facility, and then after due inspection, Dave M2 pushed that wonderful electric button and the rest of us huffed and puffed our kickstarts 'till the forests truly resonated again with Norton sounds. We head back along the road previously travelled toward McLaren Vale once again. A lucky left had us on the road sought out. Wickhams Hill Rd. More bends and the most scenic views. Put it on your list. On to another joy. Range Rd and then the Commandos finally had a chance to get in to top gear on the 100kmh section of Brookman Rd to Meadows.

We stopped at the Meadows Bakery and had a seat out front in the sunshine. A pasty, a pie, a cuppa coffee and chatted with the passing trade. Ok, he owned a Triumph, but we still had a good chat. Our Nortons, as usual, attract admiring glances, just like their owners

Chuckle at the Harley with handlebars touching the overhanging gum trees... what is it with that?

Then on up the main street and another left turn (see that way you will never get lost !) Kondoparinga Rd leads to a rare right hander onto Greenhills Rd. More fantastic curves and scenery on the back way into Macclesfield. Straight ahead is Gemmell Rd, guess what, more curves, more fantastic green and rural scenery with views to the sea. See? Soon we face more common roads and head through Wistow and then a quick right (if you keep turning right you will never get lost, remember ?) out along Paech Rd, circumventing Mt Barker.

This suits us all and one by one or one by two, members part off as their road leads toward home. Two keep going into the eastern hills, heading north. Balhannah is passed but Uraidla was not so lucky. We stopped at the WORST PUB in Uraidla. We were forced to sit inside on a leather Chesterfield near a huge ozone hole creating open fire. We had to sit inside because all the fire pits outside were surrounded by hipsters, rug rats and poodles. I had to drink some sort of home made black liquid, Dave M (the 1st) had to settle for the liquid remains of stomped on local apples. No wonder it's the worst pub.

Met another Triumph owner.....

If this all sounds like a waste of time to you, don't come on the next ride, you won't enjoy it. On the other hand, if you would rather talk Norton and share some of Adelaide's worst kept secrets, get yourself and your bike in shape and even if it is a Triumph, we will still talk to you!

Dave R





Nortons meandering through the Southern Hills. I wonder what those who built the Temperance Hall would think of all these rowdy bike riders hanging around? Always fun to sit back with a pie and a drink at a local Hills bakery, while chatting with other riders

Norton Events

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
30th September	Bay to Birdwood Pre-1960	www.baytobirdwood.com.au
30th September	Distinguished Gentleman's Ride	www.gentlemansride.com
7th October	Motorcycle Only Swapmeet	Balhannah Oval from 7am Peter Yates 8255 8856 after 6pm
14th October	Motor Bike Expo & Swapmeet	www.rotaryadelaidewest.org
26-28th October	Kenny Blake Festival of Motorcycling	www.kennyblakestrathalbyn.com.au
4th November	Lions Classic Bike Show	http://www.lionsclassicbikeshow.org



OPENING: Don opened the meeting at 8:00pm, welcomed members

PRESENT: Total : 26... Committee : Don Hosier, Steve Richter, Jerome Munchenberg, Neil Gloyn, Dave Rocklyn, Ian Delaine, Owen Greenfield, Lyndi Tietz, Murray Norton, Barry Miller... Members : ...

Apologies: Fella Koholic, Dave York, Phil Allen... Visitors: (nil).

TREASURER: Open: \$829.06; In : ~\$300 Renewals + \$70 Donation + ~\$69.50 BBQ + \$200 Regalia + \$102.50 Raffle; Out : \$0; Balance : ~\$1, 500.

SECRETARY: Nothing specific... Fella is not here, so no paperwork... Any digital correspondence posted to NMCSA Google Groups mailing list

WEB ADMIN: Need to update calendar with xmas lunch - seeking ideas

CLUB CAPTAIN: Next ride June 17, meet at Gawler 8:30, catchup at Kapunda

EDITOR: Issue 114 is now out... Enjoy

REGALIA: Have +\$200 cash for the treasurer! \$129 kevlar lined jackets now available from John Sheriff Leather Goods from Port Adelaide - makes for good summertime protection.

LIBRARIAN: N/A

FEDERATION: N/A

REGISTRAR: N/A

GENERAL BUSINESS: Dave Meldrum states Paul Knapp is in hospital... pain pump to be inserted into spine... Please shoot him an email.

Dissolution Discussion: Technically we are solvent as we are able to pay all upcoming bills. Motion put forward by Owen to dissolve club must be discussed. Those in favour? 0 ayes. Unanimous that the club remain. ... Dave Meldrum need to discuss viability of NMCSA rally for 2019, especially in light of our financial situation - an example presented of Australian Eastern club not being able to deliver and upsetting international members... About 35 hours spent to date organising rides and budget.... What is the manpower required to support a 4-5 day rally? Do we defer the discussion till August? Yes. ... Don says he has someone selling a 1937 Model 18 from Lismore, NSW... See him for more info. ... Steve Richter states Sunday Nov 11 is the next Eudunda Club meetin

RAFFLE: 1st Prize : Green D10, Wood Duck, Norton Parking Only sign; 2nd Prize : Orange D90, Trevor, Wine Raised : \$102.50

CLOSED: Regular meeting closed at 8.38pm

2018 AGM

Tony kicks off the AGM... Thanks and congrats to those who served in the previous year

President:	Don continues in role
Vice president:	Steve continues in role
Secretary:	Jerome continues in role
Treasurer:	Neil G continues in role
Librarian:	Murray Norton continues in role
Club Captain:	Dave Meldrum nominated & voted in
Regalia:	Lyndi continues in role
Public Officer:	Barry Biller continues in role
Editor:	Don continues in role
Registrars:	Ian & Dave continue in role
Federation:	Ian D continues in role
Web admin:	Dave Rocklyn nominated & voted in

AGM closed at 8:48pm



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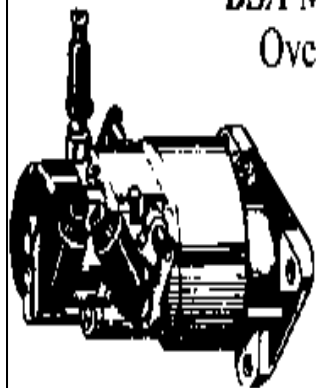
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OPENING: Don opened the meeting at 8:00pm, welcomed members.

PRESENT: Total : 18 Committee: Donald Hosier, Dave Rocklyn, Ian De Laine, Lyndi, Murray Norton, Dave Meldrum, Barry Miller, Neil Gloyn **Members :** Owen Greenfield, Rick, Trevor, Tony Gillam, John Oakes, Richard McCarthy, David Veitch, Con, Ray Sims, Cozi **Apologies:** Jerome Munchenberg, Ian Robertson, Peter Sinfield, Dan Gleeson, John McNaughton

PRESIDENT: Club held two votes which were announced several months ago: **1)** Raise annual membership fee to \$35 and no first time admin fee (currently \$30 with \$5 first time admin fee). Motion passed 16 in favour, 2 not in favour. **2)** Remove wording from constitution section #12 that states members must own a Norton to obtain a conditional registration through the NMCSA. Motion passed unanimously

TREASURER: In: \$705 **Balance:** \$1695.06

SECRETARY: Nil

WEB ADMIN: Nil

CLUB CAPTAIN: Back to old routine, if any suggestions to be made, please speak up. 10am start, 1hr break, rides end 2-3pm. Start points, 'Top o Taps', Hazelwood Park, GeppX Go Karts, Shell Gawler. Slowest rider sets the pace. Barossa ride last month, Angaston to Lobethal, was 5 degrees. Brrrr. 15th July 'Southern Ride', meet at 'Top o Taps'

REGALIA: No orders came in this month. Getting new bags & beanies, they've been good sellers

FEDERATION: June meeting. \$500 grant for young enthusiasts. Lots of new clubs forming Federation for conditional rego. No longer need to stamp rego papers, full onus is on owner of vehicle now

LIBRARIAN: Nil

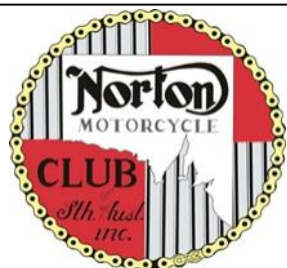
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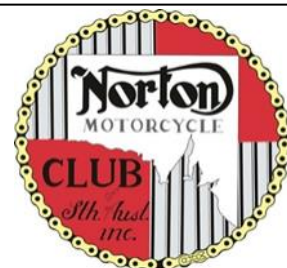
RAFFLE: Norton Lager won by Trevor. Can't remember what we raised, more than enough to cover club room rent. Also raised \$26 from sausage sizzle

CLOSED: Meeting closed at 8:37

Con showed off and gave a talk about his 1949 Manx 350cc he bought 40 years ago (no doubt for a pittance)



Have you got an interesting Norton, be it a race bike, custom, or early model? Or do you just want to show off your pride & joy? Why not bring it along to a Club meeting and tell us a bit about it? Wheel it into the club room for all to see and drool over





Ride Calendar 2018



Date	Ride 10:00am	Start Point
19th August	Nat'l Motor Museum & Hills	Hazelwood Park
16th September	Southern Coast	'Top of Taps' O'Halloran Hill
26th-28th October	Kenny Blake Festival of Motorcycling Strathalbyn www.kennyblakestrathalbyn.com.au	Details TBA Check www.nmsca.org
18th November	Xmas Lunch Venue TBA Check www.nmsca.org	Hazelwood Park
16th December	Barossa	Shell servo Gawler

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All rides start at 10am unless otherwise noted.

Calendar is prepared in advance &
is subject to change.

For further information, ring the Club Captain @

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