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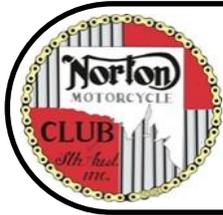
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But don't stop there, this newsletter is about  
The Norton Motorcycle Club of SA,  
THAT'S YOU.

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:**

Our man, Danny G, with his unmistakable grin, at the Atujara MCC Collingrove Hill Climb with his beautiful International



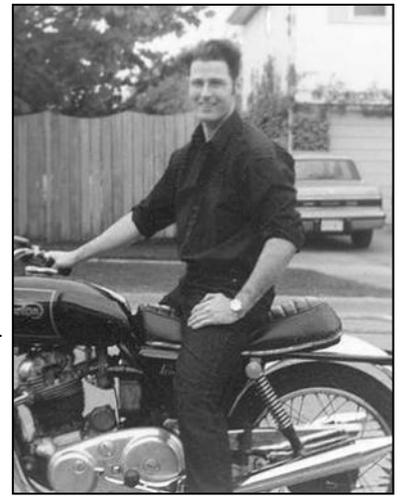
## President's Blurb

Dear Members,

Two issues in a month, you lucky devils!

The beginning of the year is always a bit slow, so news is thin this month. Many of us, however, did head up to the Barossa for the Collingrove Hillclimb on the 24th of March. Both Dave R and Dan G competed and the rest of were entertained with their antics. And it was great to see so many of us out there supporting our fellow members. Check out a few words and pics I've thrown together on pages 4-5. A few years ago I sold an old Suzuki TS185 to help pay for the Land Rover, I reckon that would've been a good machine to tart up and run at Collingrove, so you know, if you hear of anything kicking around...

Rocky has promised me a proper write up of his endeavors that day.



Pro Street Cycles in Lonsdale are putting on a swap meet next weekend, on the 7th of April. They're a Harley shop, but are encouraging British bike enthusiasts to join in on the action. I'll be heading down to check it out, if anyone wants to catch up for a bite to eat afterwards. Check out the details below. Locally, I'm not sure of any other bike only swaps coming up soon. The Rotary Club will be holding their Motorcycle Expo & Swap Meet in October again at Lockleys, and of course the Balhannah meet will be held early October. There seems to be a general car & bike swap meet just every other weekend all over the state, if you need more info, check out [www.bevenyoung.com.au/car.htm](http://www.bevenyoung.com.au/car.htm) for a comprehensive list of swap meets all over SA and Australia.

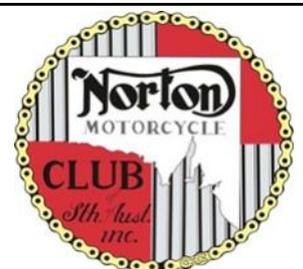
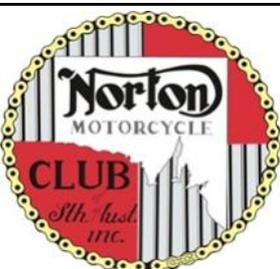
By all accounts my Roadster is coming along steadily. I've left 'old mate' to do his thing and I'm just supplying him with parts if he needs them. Who knows, I could be on a Club ride within a month or two, can't wait to get out with you lot again! I'm not rushing, however, I'd rather a good job than a quick job. Most exciting thing for me is that Eliza is almost old enough to be allowed to ride pillion! She keeps asking me about it and loves to sit on the bike in the shed while making "Vroom! Vroom!" noises.

Your Pres, The Editor,

Donald

## Events

- April 7th **Pro Street Cycles British and Harley Swap Meet** Sellers 8am, buyers 9am.  
2/8 Lindsay Rd, Lonsdale Contact: [sales@prostreetcycles.com.au](mailto:sales@prostreetcycles.com.au) or 8387 8500
- April 14th **Rock 'N' Roll Rendezvous** Music, dancing, vintage fashion and chrome-plated classics. Prizes for best original and best modified vehicles. Bikes and cars on display.  
<https://history.sa.gov.au/rock-roll-rendezvous>
- May 19th **Tea Tree Gully Historic Car and Motorcycle Show** This is a free event for everyone, including vehicles. Open to pre-1990 vehicles. Register at <https://ttghvs19.eventbrite.com.au>
- October TBA **Bay to Birdwood** This year is post -1955 vehicles  
Keep up to date at [www.facebook.com/baytobirdwood](http://www.facebook.com/baytobirdwood)
- October TBA **Balhannah Motorcycle Only Swap Meet** Always the Sunday after the Bay To Birdwood. Bike display and 'Peoples Choice' award. Contact Peter Yates after 6pm 8255 8856



# Norton Racing

## Shannons Insurance Collingrove Hillclimb

Mount Mackenzie - 24/03/19

I hadn't been out to the Collingrove hillclimb in years, it's a bloody good show so I thought it was time I make the effort again. I knew Rocky would be there, seeing as he's now addicted to racing after competing in the last two Sellicks Beach races, and Dan G is always up for a chance to race one of his beautiful Nortons.

Halfway to the Barossa, I got a text message from Rocky to a group of NMCSA members, letting us know whom ever gave his name at the gate first, would get free entry. Lucky me, my nephew and I were the only ones who'd checked our messages, so we saved ourselves \$20! There's lunch sorted, thanks Dave!

The mix of machines was as varied as I remember, everything from a pre-war Henderson, modern supermotards, formula sidecar outfits, and even an electric Zero Motorcycles bike! One thing I didn't remember was how narrow the bitumen track is. Some of the bikes were struggling to find room, I can't imagine what it's like for the cars that normally race there.

My nephew, Mitch, hasn't been to many bike events, aside from riding pillion with me many years ago (I know, shame on me!) He was in awe of the Supermotos (basically, dirtbikes with 17" sportbike tyres) backing it in through the first turn, an intimidating blind left hander over the crest of the first hill. This is no surprise, as 8 of the top 10 results were achieved on motards. He also really enjoyed checking out some of the vintage machines up close, particularly watching the exposed valve springs on Dan G's International.

It was great to see more than a few NMCSA members there supporting each other, every time I turned around there was one of us enjoying the racing, I reckon I did more socializing than spectating!

Out of four runs for each rider, the best time of the day was 33.07seconds (S2 Supermoto Class), with the slowest being 57.91s (Junior Solo).

Our members did fairly well. Dave, on his Commando, managed 44.66s, and 51.09s on his 1935 BSA 500cc Sloper. Dan's best time for the day was 42.89s. Well done to both of you!

I think it should be noted that the Zero electric bike, which is the riders daily commuter and not a race bike, managed a respectable 40.30 seconds, finishing 23rd out of 61 entries.



Clockwise from above left: Dan's International; Rocky with his ear-to-ear grin, with his Commando; Rocky again, this time on his BSA, "powering" up the hill to the finish far in the distance.

Next page: Dan G sets off from the paddock; Club members Dave M, Leslie R, and Dan G having a great time; Dan setting off from the start line; a great mix of bikes, an 80's Yamaha RD 2-stroke, a current model SWM motard, a rare Harley XR1000, and a Triumph TR5T; a wild Suzuki TS400 with modern forks and wheels, this thing sounded fierce and got the results to back it up! Would love to get another TS, ahem, if ya got something sitting in the shed...; and the only electric bike on the hill, this one from Zero Motorcycles, the future is gaining on us!; Rocky getting some last minute advice from his crew chief



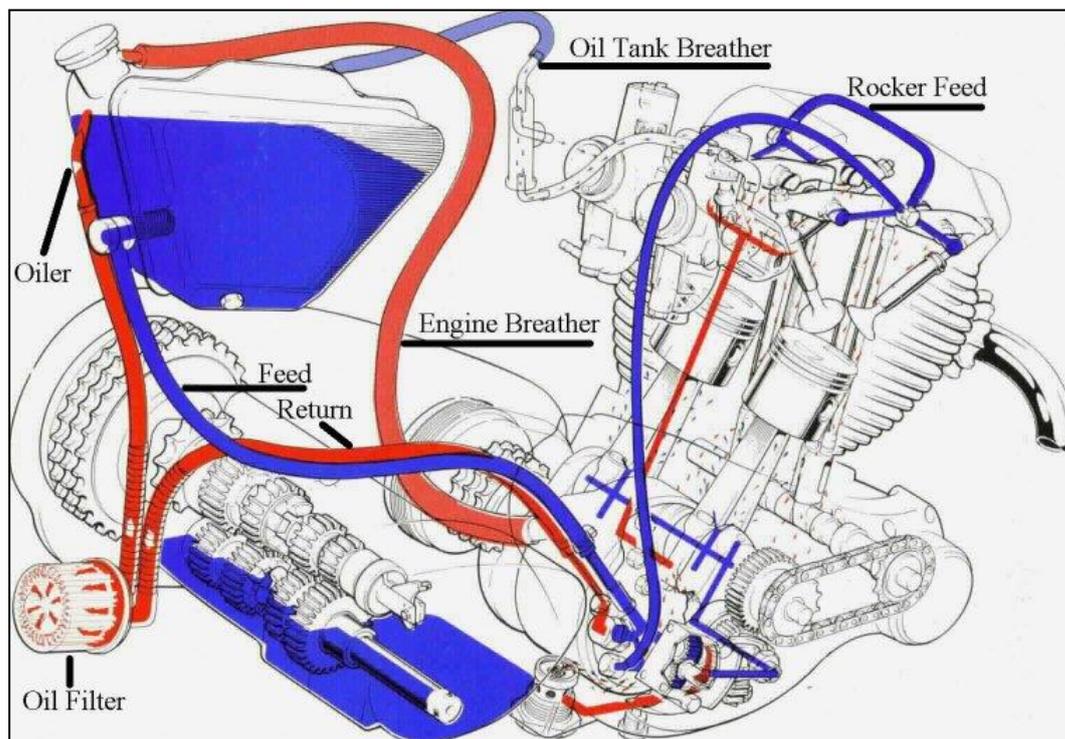
# Norton Shed

## WHO'S A LUCKY BOY THEN???

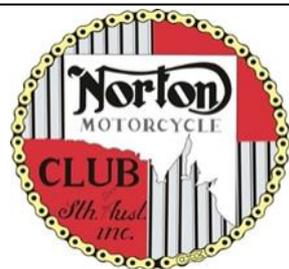
I, like many, have heard the horror stories about the 'Anti wet sump' devices than jam or seize. I have a couple of the 'spring' type fitted to my bikes. Over the years I have developed a habit of checking the return oil to the tanks on my Nortons (long before the valves were fitted). It's a quick and simple job on the Commandos, lift the seat, open the tank. On the Dommie it's just lift the lid, as the tank is in the open, and watch the black gold bubble in. Quick 'n' easy and gives peace of mind.

Last weekend I was going to take the Atlas out for a short run and went through the usual steps of start up. The old girl fired up and after a minute or two set to a steady idle. Did the open the tank trick and, bugga, no oil out the return! Turned off, waited 'till things cooled off and tried again. The Atlas usually has a strong constant stream, but not this time, nothing!! Pulled the rubber return line from the crank case, gave her a couple of kicks and a steady flow, PHEW! Dread the thought if that had happened out on the road. On checking the 'anti wet sump' valve out, it looks like the spring in the valve had wound its way up over the fitted ball bearing! I was very lucky, so needless to say my workshop bin now has a couple of flash 'anti wet sump valves in it!

Dave M



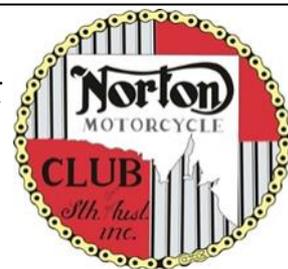
There's already enough that could go wrong with the oil system, do we really want to add another, possibly weak, link in the chain? While the chances of a good quality 'anti wet sump' valve failing are slim, it's still a chance I'm not willing to take - Ed



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](mailto:editor@nmcsa.org)





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# Norton Rides

Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering - 17/03/19

Park 23, Adelaide Parklands, Anzac Highway

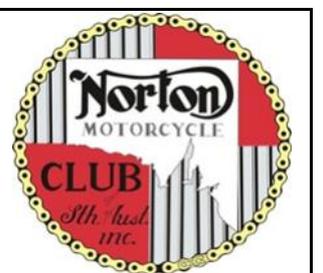
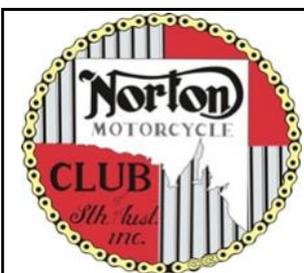
The ride this month was all about trying something different to see if it would encourage the members out! The interest in club rides has dropped off over the past years, maybe it's the case of the normal club outing getting too mundane? So I am up for new ideas and thought this outing of vintage machinery might be of interest. This display of vintage cars was organised by the The Vintage Sports Car Club of SA, it's free to enter and while promoted as vintage it attracts quite a wide range of vehicles. Cars from the very early days of motoring (a shearer steam car was driven to the show!) to late model collectors cars were on display. The BSA club also had a display of bikes which added a bit of interest.

These old cars never cease to amaze me from the luxury of some, to the performance of others, these old 'chitty chitty bang bang' vehicles are mind blowing.

We had about half a dozen members turn up at the clubrooms for the start of the ride with Rocky (Dave R) turn up on his old 'Sloper' BSA. Daves thought being the old girl would fit in well on the day which she did, and I have to admit it was nice to listen to a big single riding along other than a bunch of snarling Commandos! Out the back of Hindmarsh and through Thebarton, the weather perfect for a ride and a show. The idea was to try something different to see if this type of outing is of interest. Over the next couple of meetings I will be walking around asking what you the members would like on our ride days so get the thinking caps on!! Dave M



Clockwise from top left: Gathering at the clubhouse; a Stanley steam powered car which drove to the show!; how's this for a caravan?; I don't know what it is, but I like it

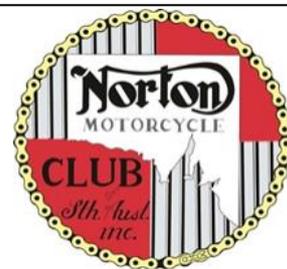


A few more shots from the Collingrove Hillclimb, with a bonus action pic of Dave R on his BSA at Sellicks Beach



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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**OPENING:** Don opened the meeting at 8.10pm, and welcomed members & visitors.

**PRESENT: Total :** 21... **Committee :** Don Hosier, Jerome Munchenberg, Neil Gloyn, Dave Rocklyn, Dave Meldrum, Ian Delaine...

**Members :** (Refer attendance book)... **Apologies:** Steve Richter, Trevor, Phil Allen, Thelma, Owen, Lyndi Tietz... **Guest :** Garry (Vic)

**PRESIDENT** Don (See notes) Xmas lunch was really good. Excellent venue, good band. Thanks to Lyndi for setting up table and doing the raffle... Thanks Dave M for recommending the venue...

**TREASURER:** Neil In: \$2.21 Interest, Out: \$113.50 (BBQ + Room hire), Balance: \$2,607.03 + \$40.00 float.

**SECRETARY:** Jerome Need to update JustBikes magazine entry. Also update entry on Federation website.

**WEB ADMIN:** Dave R Ticking over.. Updates to PO address... Let Dave R know if changes are desired.

**CLUB CAPTAIN:** Dave M Couple of rides... December ride up through Barossa - Just 3 riders though. Good ride. Ramp from trailer had fallen off. Ray survived riding over the top of it! He is now known as Evil Knievel... January ride was up to Strath via Gorge Road... Next club ride this Sunday leaving from Hazelwood Park...

**EDITOR:** Don His new laptop shat it Saturday night... Warranty work getting done, so it will b delayed. Hopefully the upcoming magazine can be retrieved...

**REGALIA:** Lyndi n/a.

**REGISTRAR:** Ian & Dave Dave R said his latest rego renewal states he has to go in person to renew and identify to which club he belongs... So, check your paperwork when it arrives in the mail...

**FEDERATION:** Ian Looked at Federation website... Our club entry still states Must own a Norton'... Will miss the next Federation meeting due to trip interstate... Note, if you are on the registration

**LIBRARIAN:** Murray Nothing to report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** All British Day. Jerome is taking the JPN. 10 official entries. Don will be taking the tent... Don will promote NMCSA Google mailing list... Jerome states you can join our discussion list by emailing:

**nmcса+subscribe@googlegroups.com** . Once you have been accepted, you can start a conversation by emailing:

**nmcса@googlegroups.com** ... Dave M bought 3 anti-wet sumping plugs from a company in NZ. By fluke he found ball had seized due to spring getting wound up over the ball bearing instead of getting behind it! So be careful... Ray states there is a small write up about our recently deceased member Paul Knapp in Classic Bike Australasia... Barry states Trispark has been acting up. Vendor, Paul suggested he disconnect alternator and rev it. Solution also involved a resistor between it and the regulator... Dave R states Sellicks Beach Racing (Silver Sands) is on in a fortnight. Need to be online to buy tickets.

**RAFFLE:** \$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets. Prizes include 6 pack Vale Ale and 6 pack Norton Larger.

Winner: 1) Red 21, Bill (Norton Larger) & 2) Red 25, Neil Gloyn (Vale Ale).

**CLOSED:** Meeting closed at 8.45

Meeting 22004/03/19

**OPENING:** Don opened the meeting at 8.10pm, and welcomed members & visitors.

**PRESENT: Total :** 14... **Committee:** Don Hosier, Jerome Munchenberg, Neil Gloyn, Dave Rocklyn, Lyndi Tietz... **Members :** (Refer attendance book)... **Apologies:** Steve Richter, Dave Meldrum (NZ), Murray, Ian Delaine... **Guest:** Kate & Richard (Who are now our latest members! Welcome!)

**PRESIDENT:** Welcome to Kate & Richard. Kate is originally from Adelaide and met Richard in the UK. They are back to stay and have a fantastic stable of Nortons. One of which was a wedding gift from Kate to Richard. We are yet to find out if Kate has a sister... :)

**TREASURER:** In: \$201.04, Xmas Raffle \$86.40, Out:~ \$90, Balance: \$2,750.86 + \$40.00 float.

**SECRETARY:** Updated Just Bikes & Bike Sales magazine entries and Federation website - no feedback so far... letter from State Library to please send latest newsletters... Any digital correspondence was forwarded to Google Groups mailing list... Reminder from AusPost that PO Box is ceasing, which does not affect us... Reminder to update any reference to PO box to clubroom address...

**WEB ADMIN:** Uploaded newsletter... Visitor stats to web site last month: 93 total of which 55 from Aus, 14 US & 12 China!

**CLUB CAPTAIN:** (See ride reports in magazine)

**EDITOR:** A month late, but new laptop needed work... Managed to squeeze in ABD report.

**REGALIA:** If you need anything, we are ordering. Thanks to Kate & Richard for their order.

**REGISTRAR:** Things are ticking along fine... Good stand at the ABD - lots of people came by for a chat...

**FEDERATION:** n/a

**LIBRARIAN:** n/a.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** See Don for 2x brake pads goin for \$40... Federal govt will change import rules in December to a rolling 25 years... ABD was excellent... Sellicks was a great event again .Dave R on his 595cc BSA finished every race and came 3rd overall. Oldest racer was 87! Murray Williams is 81. Dave Johnson raced his dad's Triumph, Dave was the same age (36) as his dad when he raced the same bike! Sand was rough with nasty corrugations and many broken foot pegs... Collingrove hill climb is on the 24th March... Club run (not really a ride) is on the 17th and will go to the Vintage & Veteran Bike Show cnr Anzac Hwy and West Tce cemetery.

**RAFFLE:** \$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets. Prize was a bottle of Wolf Blass wine. N52 was the winning ticket

**CLOSED:** Meeting closed at 8.50





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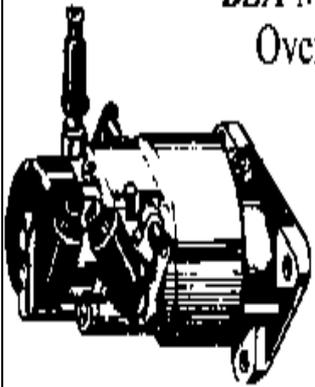
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More random photos from the Collingrove Hillclimb on the 24th or March. It was a fun event, and it's got me itching to start competing again. Reckon I might have to build something after the Norton's done.

Left: pilots view of Dan's Inter

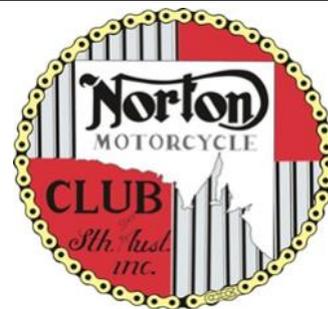
Right: Dave at the start line, waiting for the green light

Below: Dave on his BSA, approaching the first climb





# Ride Calendar 2019



Date	Ride	Start Point
28th April	Northern Ride	Kart Mania Gepps Cross
19th May	Hills Ride	Hazelwood Park Cnr Greenhill Rd & Howard Tce
16th June	Southern Ride	'Top o' Taps' South Rd, O'Halloran Hill

**!! Please note !!**

**Due to the amount of events being scheduled these days, the ride calendar could change to suit special occasions.  
Check at club meetings, the NMCSA website, or with the Ride Captain**

**Check out the calendar on [www.nmsca.org](http://www.nmsca.org)  
for further details**

## For Sale/Wanted

- Wanted** Looking for a Norton to fulfil a lifelong dream. Had many bikes over the years, now it's time for a proper machine. Fairly tight budget, but let me know what you've got. Contact Donald (the Pres) and he'll pass on the info. Thanks!
- Wanted** JOE SEIFERT CS650 After any magazine articles and pictures  
Dave Meldrum Ph: 0423 191 620
- Wanted** Suzuki TS, Yamaha DT, or another 1970's two-stroke road/trail project bike. Let me know what you've got gathering dust in the back of the shed.  
Donald editor@nmcsa.org 0433 318 503



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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