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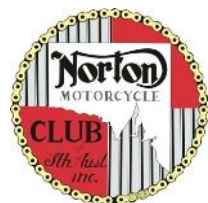
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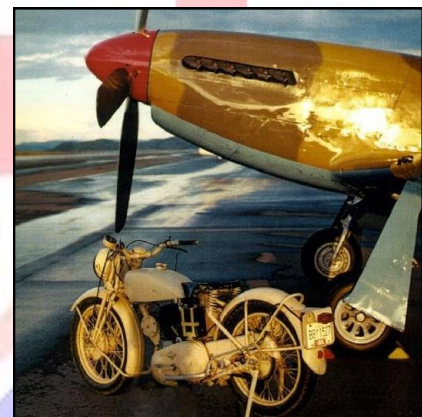
Members wanting any events, services, classifieds, rides, etc. in the ENERGETTE please contact the editor with details for inclusion in future issues.

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:

What a duo! 1939 WD16H, belonging to the Editor's friend Alvin, with a P51 Mustang at the Reno Air Races.



President's Blurb

Dear Members,

As we come to the end of 2019, our 20th year as a Club, I'm feeling even more positive than I did at the start. We've welcomed several new members over the past 12 months, bringing with them some interesting bikes and experience. All seem to have integrated well into our strange little tribe of Norton and bike enthusiasts. We've been socializing outside of the usual ride days and meetings, providing heaps of laughs and bike talk. Let's keep this up throughout 2020!

Jerome, Molly and I are heading down to Mac Park for the HMCRRSA SA Historic Championship, where the Club is also sponsoring a couple of trophies. I'm trying to light a fire under Jerome's ass to he gets his JPN running so we can ride down together.

Ya, you heard that right, I'm hoping to ride to Mac Park later this month. After rebuilding the gearbox over 5 years ago, several reassemblies and false starts, 2 house renovations and moves, 3 different storage facilities, and general faffing about, my '71 Roadster is back. While I'm still experiencing a bit of trouble getting the primary belt perfectly aligned (there was a small hint of belt "dust" in the primary cover after a ride) I've ridden it to work this week, and she's running beautifully. There's some high-frequency vibration coming through the pegs and bars, and I reckon that's due to the new Mk3 type Isolastics and heim joint head steady needing some fine tuning. Having said that, with more vibration on a Commando, comes much tighter handling, and I must say the handling is as tight as a ducks butt right now. The important thing is that I'm riding the Norton again, and it is thanks to several Club members who have helped out along the way, either lending a hand or giving advice. To name a few, Rocky, Molly, Owen, Steve A, and probably a few others, all chipped in at some point. There were a few days spent in Rocky's shed, and I am grateful for his hospitality.

So what's the plan now that I'm back on the road? Hey ho, slow down there, eh, let me ease into it. I'd like to see us meet up for some casual mid-week social rides perhaps. Maybe just a burn around local roads and get something to eat after work. And as mentioned previously, it would be good to get a couple "shed" days going, where we do a quick ride and head over to someone's to take care of general maintenance or lend a hand with a rebuild. I'm keen to hear any suggestions you may have, as well.

Waddya say, you in?

Your Pres, The Editor,

Donald



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Norton Events

Lions Bike Show 03/11/19

Another fun event for 2019, and a good attendance by our Club. Loaded my Roadster onto the trailer and made my way over to Jerome's house. We skilfully wedged his JPN in with my bike and headed over to Macclesfield where we were greeted on the oval by Molly, who'd brought his Atlas and Commando. We set up the marquee as more members rode in, and Molly cheerfully showed everybody the new patches and stickers he'd had made up for our 20th anniversary. They're real beauts!

As soon as we were set up it was time to grab a bacon and egg sandwich, with a coffee to wash it down. An early walk around the oval indicated a fair few more bikes than last year, and the quality of the machines didn't suffer, that's for sure. Lot's of interesting customs, many I'd love to ride, and others whose beauty was most likely found only in the eye of its creator.

A few 'rogue' Nortons were scattered amongst other displays. A nice Commando made up of different models and custom bits by its owner over many years, and an absolute stunner of a Dommi with a Commando TLS front brake for extra stopping power.

We had quite a few people come around and enquire about the Club or just have a chat about Nortons past and present. It was good to meet a few new faces.

The day went quick and we packed up to head home. I had a chance to check out Jerome's special project, a verified genuine Norton Production Racer! Yes, one of those "only 200 ever made, and only 2000 known to still exist" Yellow Perils. We featured it on last month's cover, with his uncle astride back in the 70's. Unfortunately it was crashed and has sat in boxes ever since. Jerome has a big job ahead of him but the reward will be well worth the effort. Excited to watch it unfold! - **Donald**

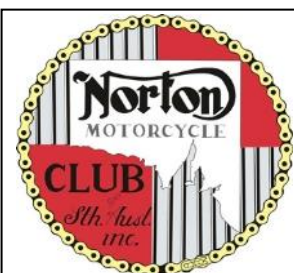


Top: John and Jen leaving the show on their ES2. John got a bit happy with the throttle and almost threw Jen off the back! Bloody brilliant.



Above Left: Jerome, Ian, Molly, and Rocky catching a break at the Club display. We had plenty of people come up and want to talk about Nortons and the Club

Above: The Editor's new vented primary cover, gifted by my good friend Craig back in Canada

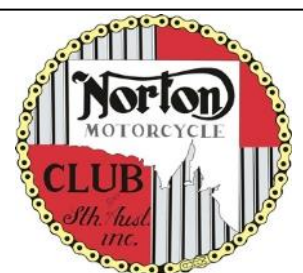


Have you got your ear to the ground? Got a firm grasp on the Norton grapevine? Whatever the news, if it's Norton related, we want to know.

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





Clockwise from top - NMCSA display; A Dominator at the Classic Owners Club, sporting a Commando TLS front brake; Two more shots of the NMCSA display; And one of the Editor's favourite bikes, a Suzuki Katana. Lucky to have owned one back in Canada. Hey, if you don't want Japanese content on these pages, become the Editor!

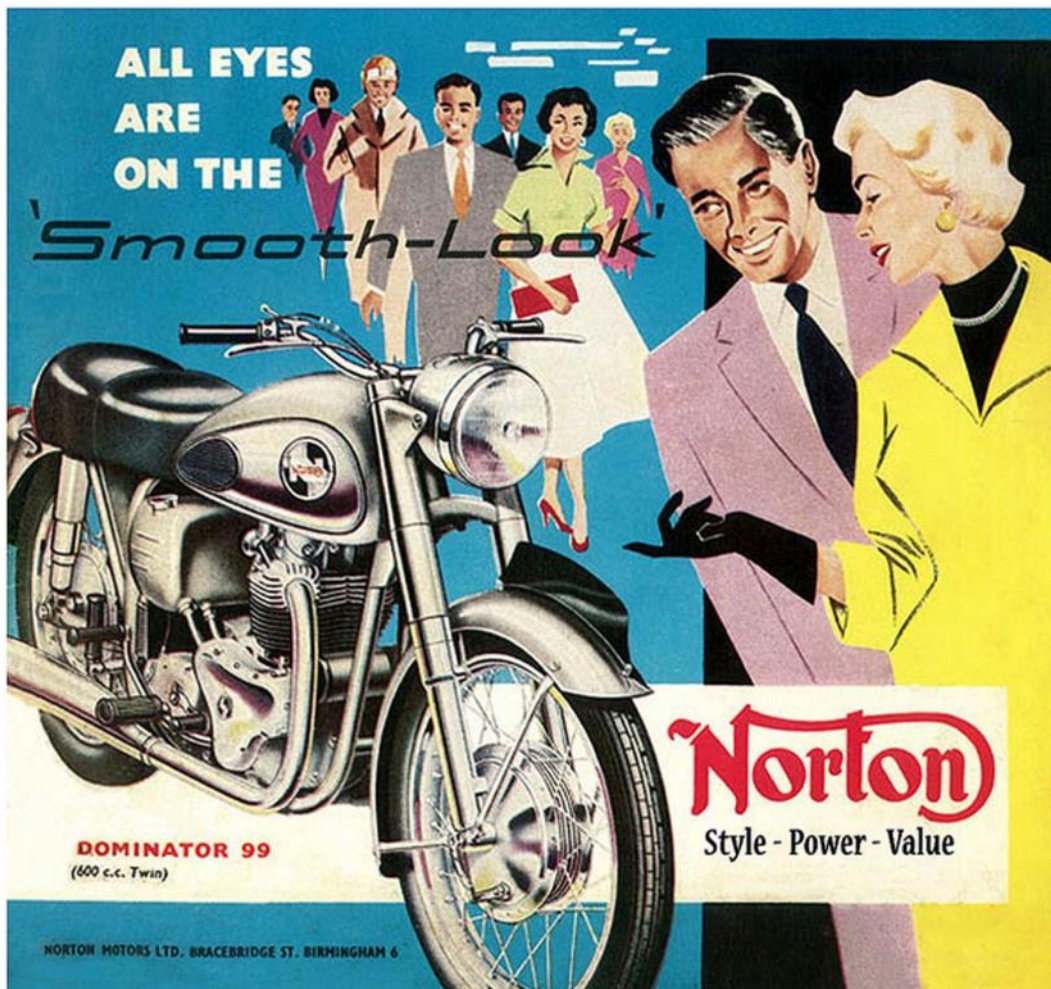
Norton Marketplace

For Sale - 1958 Model 19S engine in a '53 Dommie Featherbed chassis. Older restoration, tidy and presents well. Very well looked after and starts readily. **\$13,000 ONO**
 Contact Greg Summerton gregss@bigpond.com

For Sale - Con has a restored ES2 and a rough but running 16H for sale. If interested, please contact him through the Club

Wanted - JOE SEIFERT CS650 After any magazine articles and pictures
 Dave Meldrum Ph: 0423 191 620

Wanted - to borrow to see if I like the fit. A set of 'Dunstall' style rearsets that mount to the original 'Z' plates.
 Donald 0433 318 503



"Still Holding The Road"

Cool New Stuff to Commemorate Our 20th Anniversary

We've recently received new cloth patches, stubby holders, and stickers, celebrating the Club's 20th year. Be sure to get yours, sew the patch on your jacket, slap some stickers on your car and toolbox, and stick a frosty beverage in a new stubby holder!



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Norton Project

The Yellow Peril

I'll leave it up to Jerome to do a proper story, but thought I'd throw in a couple teaser shots of this extraordinary machine he is now caretaker of. - *Donald*

Below: Front wheel spindle, a work of art!
Top Centre: Norvil fork slider with cast in racing caliper bracket



Below: Luckily, the original frame is in much better condition than this donor
Bottom Centre: Mystery 'R' camshaft. Possibly by Norris



Far Left: Original magazine for Norton's race ready FIM homologate Commandos, the '750 Racer' & '750 Production Racer'. Featuring JPS riders Phil Read & Peter Williams

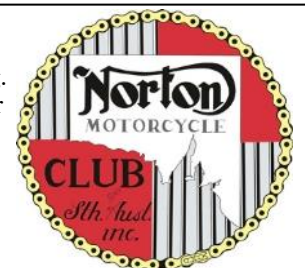
Left: Uncle Ray on the Production Racer during better days, before the accident that saw the bike damaged and kept in many boxes



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@nmsa.org



Norton Show & Tell

Con's Model 19R 'R' for Rigid, not Racing

At the November meeting Con wheeled in one of the newest bikes in his collection. A beautiful Model 19R, which he purchased from the family of former Club member, the late Ron Truscott. The 19R was only produced for the 1955 model year. Con hopes to have the single on the road soon, and enjoy some leisurely rides.

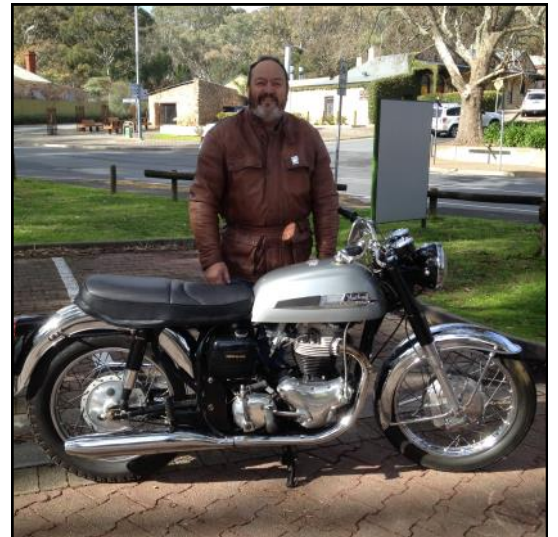


The clubrooms centrepiece for the evening



Tony enjoying enjoys a sit on Con's new pride and joy, while Con watches on carefully

Random Photos of Members over the course of 2019



CW from Top Left: Rocky at Sellicks; Lyndi; Molly; Rick, Ray, & Phil; Lyndi's trophies from 'Roll The Dice Run'; Danny at Sellicks



Meeting 227

14/10/19

OPENING: Don opened the meeting at 8.15pm.

PRESENT: Total: 16 Committee : Don Hosier, Jerome Munchenberg, Neil Gloyn, Steve Richter, Dave Meldrum, Murray, Dave Rocklyn **Members:** (Refer attendance book) **Apologies:** Lyndi Tietz, John McNaughton, Ian Delaine, Peter Sinfield, Richard & Kate Lynch

PRESIDENT Don Welcome to all, especially our latest member, Adrian, who has a Velocette and is a friend of Steve Richter

TREASURER: Incoming: \$112.58 Outgoing: \$90 Balance: \$4,763.24 Bank balance + \$75 Float

Paying out \$50 for Historic Fed Fees, Historic M/C Racing Register sponsorship \$200 & Insurance \$635.49

SECRETARY: Any email correspondence forwarded to mailing list members - join up if you have not already

WEB ADMIN: Dave R Magazine to go up on the website tonight

CLUB CAPTAIN: Dave M Motorcycle calendar is going nuts! Distinguished gentleman's ride was excellent but down on numbers due to Bay to Birdwood. Dave Rocklyn raised the 5th highest donation total! Congrats!. Mill to Mill on Saturday, and Sunday is club ride to Barossa Valley, leave Gepps Crs, Williamstown Coffee shop at 11am. Finish at Nuriootpa Football Club. Ride in November through the Adelaide Hills. Club anniversary run, 1st December, to go from Port Adelaide to Cudlee Creek pub for lunch

EDITOR: Don New magazine is out - Jerome's uncle on the cover with current member, Dave York beside an authentic Production Racer. Ian is selling some parts - see advert in the magazine. Con has an ES2 and 16H for sale. Don's mate has a bitsa for sale.

REGALIA: n/a

REGISTRAR: \$50 from sale of log books have been handed over to Neil

FEDERATION: New log book return sheets have no engine number! No longer a requirement. Grants available for club events, runs out in 2020. ACCC - dont work under vehicles without jacks!?! Meetings are a bit dry- not much talk about motorbikes.

LIBRARIAN: n/a

GENERAL BUSINESS: The club has once again donated \$200 for Best Norton at the Historic Racing event, as we have done many times in the past... Nov 3rd is the Macclesfield Lion's Bike Show - similar to ABD but you come and go as you please - come and join the crew, it's a good time... ABD has just opened online - but closes when its full - and it closes quickly, so be quick! ... The week after Sunday 10th is the Eudunda Show, AJS will have a good display. \$10 for show entry, and you can enter on the day. \$5 for class entry. People's choice award... Con's immaculate 600cc 1955 Model 19R (Rigid) on display tonight. Came from an old club member, Ron Truscott. When he passed, he bought it from the family (Michael). Only made for 1 year. It should have a single seat, but has a dual. As a result, Ron had increased the size of the rear tyre to cope with the extra weight. 8" front brake much better than 7". Con is hoping to get it on historic rego soon so he can ride it. Con proceeded to tell us a lot about the bike and Ron's large collection of bikes.

RAFFLE: Tickets: \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3. Prizes are 4 pack Uraidla Stout & Stones Ginger Wine

CLOSED: Meeting closed at 9.07

Meeting 228

04/11/19

OPENING: Don opened the meeting at 8:10pm

PRESENT: Refer attendance book. **Committee:** Donald Hosier, Neil Gloyn, Jerome Munchensomething, Dave Rocklyn, Dave Meldrum, Lyndi Tietz, Barry Miller **Apologies:** Peter Sinfield, Ian Delaine

TREASURER: Incoming: \$277.18 Outgoing: \$927.49 (insurance, stubby holders, stickers, badges) **Balance:** \$4190.51

SECRETARY: N/A

WEB ADMIN: N/A

CLUB CAPTAIN: October Barossa ride to Classic Rally. Didn't make it due to Captains bike shitting itself at Williamstown. Problem traced to dead battery. Con donated his. Sat, drank coffee, chatted, then home for Moto GP. Next ride 17th Nov, Hills Ride, meet at Hazelwood Park. Dec ride 20th Anniversary run, leave from Port Adelaide, (Mundy St, Harts Mill) 10am. Mid-point meet Tower Hotel on Magill Rd, 10:45am. Ride through hills to Cudlee Creek Tavern

EDITOR: No new issue this month, printed back issues available

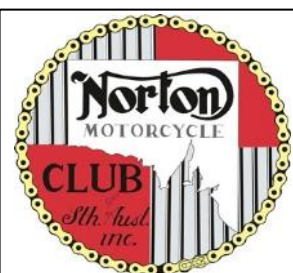
REGALIA: New beanies in. New badges and stickers for 20th Anniversary. Stubbies coming. Have heaps of old shirts we want gone, make an offer

REGISTRAR: Only 10 log books left, ordering 50 more. Log book covers & 'Look But Don't Touch' placards from Shannons Insurance coming

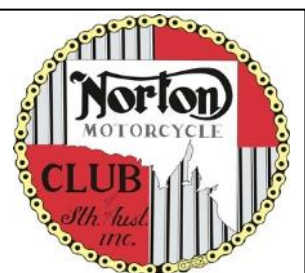
FEDERATION: N/A

LIBRARIAN: Trevor King donated a copy of classic cult movie 'Stone', with the legendary Commando vs Kawi Z1 race through Sydney streets

GENERAL BUSINESS: Check out Tom Jones video "Ghost Riders In The Sky", synchronized dancing on brand new Fastbacks: Lions Bike Show at Macclesfield was great, Dave M brought 2 bikes, a total of 14 at the Norton display. Lots of interesting bikes around; 2 days left to enter the All British Day. Only \$22/bike; 2nd December is next meeting, Xmas BBQ. Lyndi - coleslaw, Don - condiments & onions, Ray - salads, Andre - meat; 'Roll The Dice' run raised \$3500, 100 bikes. Lyndi's bike died 3mins from pub, due to dead ignition, frickin heavy to push



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



Norton Rides

Roadside Troubles and Christmas Lunch - 01/12/19

Just a brief blurb on our Xmas ride and lunch, as I only just arrived home from the Cudlee Creek Tavern.



The forecast was a miserable 90% chance of up to 10mm of rain, and it was fairly accurate. But having just got my bike back on the road, I wasn't about to leave it in the shed. I set off in a steady drizzle but as I passed through Blackwood it began to pour, and at one point I could barely see the road ahead. Heading down the winding Old Belair Rd, the Com-mando began to backfire and quickly lose power. I pulled over just as the engine died. A quick inspection found a blown fuse, and wouldn't you know it, my spare fuses and coil of wire were in the pocket of my leather jacket, and I was wearing my textile wet weather jacket. I inspected the wiring for obvious faults but found none. Though the petrol station was only about a 1 minute ride away, it was up the steepest and narrowest part of the road. I found a piece of wire in the gutter and decided to take a punt and use it as a temporary fuse, I gave all the terminals a good spray of the old WD40, this got me to the servo no wor-ries and I bought some new fuses. Approaching my bike from the rear, I noticed one of the tail light terminals had come out of its Lucas connector and was resting on the guard, obviously I'd not been thorough during my inspection.



Problem solved and I was off again to meet up with the other members, on their way from Port Adelaide, at The Tower Hotel. I caught up with them by chance just outside of the city and we road together along Magill Rd. In typical Club fashion, we were separated, so Ricko, Neil, and myself carried on up Old Norton Summit Rd with other members following behind in cars.



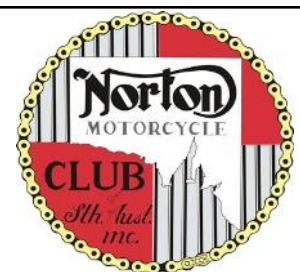
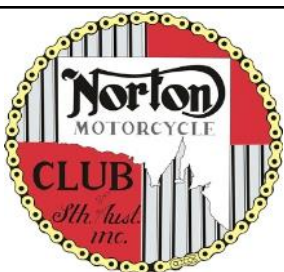
After a leisurely ride through the hills we arrived at The Cudlee Creek Tavern on Gorge Rd, and were shortly joined by the rest of the riders. Molly's wife, Lyndsay, had come up earlier to set up our tables and did a wonderful job. All up, I reckon we had close to 30 current and past members join us for lunch and it was good fun to catch up with everyone. - **Donald**



Left: a temporary "fuse" after I was left on the side of the road in the pouring rain with an electrical gremlin



Right: Gremlin identified, and it really couldn't have been more out in the open. The old Lucas bullet terminal had come out of its connector at the tail light





Ride Calendar 2019/20



Date	Ride	Start Point
19th January	Hills Ride Hahndorf Swap Meet	Howard Tce & Greenhill Rd Hazelwood ark
9th February	All British Day	Howard Tce & Greenhill Rd Hazelwood Park
15th March	Southern Ride	"Top of Taps" South Rd & Black Rd O'Halloran Hill

For 'Catch Up' points & further details, check at Club meetings, the NMCSA.org website, or with the Ride Captain

Events

Dec 28th-29th **SA Historic Championship - Mac Park** A great weekend to catch some racing action and check out the bikes. The NMCSA will again be sponsoring 2 trophies.
www.historicmotorcyclerracing.org

Feb 9th **All British Day - Echunga** The Norton Motorcycle Club of SA will again have a display on the oval for this massive show of British machinery. Always a great time
www.allbritishday.com

All rides start at 10am unless otherwise noted.

Calendar is prepared in advance & is subject to change.

For further information, ring the Club Captain @
0423 191 620 or check our website **NMCSA.ORG**

