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## In this issue:

*A new electric start;  
Next generation grease monkeys;  
Dave's feeling flat; and  
Spring rides*



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

If you're complaining that there's only commandos in these issues and your international needs more lime light then send over some pictures. Just make sure you submit it with a story.

**Cover photo:**

***First signs of spring, out in the hills  
for a ride***





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In this edition..

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## Dave's Feeling Flat

Getting stuck, generosity and handy things to have strapped the bike to get yourself home... Like a trailer...

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## View from the Shed

A new generation of Norton enthusiast pauses his dads riding for a while



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## New ride captain

Spring ride into the hills... Once the captain made it to the start line.





# Presidents Blurb

## Donald Hosier

Dear Members,

This is exciting, my first 'President's Blurb' for an issue of The Energette that I haven't put together! With Dicky as our new Editor, I've never felt so free, I'm no longer rushing around trying to get our magazine finished by a deadline, I've got all the time in the world. Yet somehow, with the small responsibility of only writing a half page of word salad, I'm still on the laptop at the very last minute, struggling through writers block. Hmm, maybe it wasn't the magazine causing me all the stress after all.

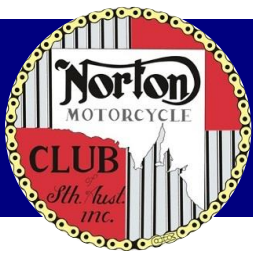
Our little Club this year is doing better than ever. Membership is on the up, as is event participation, and the camaraderie among us is growing stronger every day. We're all here to support each other in keeping our bikes alive and the passion strong, don't be afraid to ask for help or offer it, I'd be lost without the network of knowledge and friendship in the Norton Motorcycle Club of SA. Just last week I had to cancel an after-work ride with Jerome because the Roadster was spewing oil from the top end somewhere. Instead of heading out for a beautiful spring evening ride, Jerome packed a couple of his home made ciders, picked up some burgers, and came over to mine to help me sort the problem out. Of course, there was call from the shed to Dave R while Jerome and I scratched our heads over a few issues. All was sorted in the end, and we even tackled a few other small jobs on the bike that I've been "meaning to get to."



It was a good thing we got the bike sorted, just in time for me to pre-run the course I'd laid out for the NMCSA's ride during the multi-club Come Tuesday, Neil and I made our way to Hazelwood Park for the start of our organised ride. In total, around 60 bikes showed up, everything from a 1926 Norton Model 18 to a new Indian FTR1200. By all accounts, the ride was a big success and I received many compliments from participants. I will do a proper write-up for the December issue, as I have a bigger problem to deal with right now, that being an unhealthy amount of smoke billowing out of the exhaust on startup. Luckily, Jerome is grabbing cider and burgers again tonight, and Dave R will be on speed-dial.

This a bloody good little Club.

Your Prez,  
Donald Hosier



# Letter from the (new) editor

Dicky Lynch

Well that looks a bit different... and why not. In this issue I have taken over from 'il presidente' Donald to write the **Norton Motorcycle Club of SA** magazine. So I'd like to make a personal thank you to Don for his years of service to the magazine.

So new we have a new editor, I've decided to make a "new electric start" [already off to a bad pun] for the NMCSA and use the latest technology in the making of the rag. Does it add any value? Probably not, but it's a software package that I'm used to so I can get the magazine out on time.



So who am I and what am I doing with **Nortons**? I'm a third generation Norton owner. My father and grandfather were both Norton owners and used to used to ride the bike as

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daily commuters. So it was inevitable that the smell, feeling and thrill of riding these old bikes would work its way into me.

*"Well, that looks a bit different"*

The email address for the editor will still stay the same so any ideas of publications that other members will find helpful or interesting will be gratefully received for inclusion.



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Welcoming the  
new ride captain



# Norton Rides

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A quick report on the September Adelaide Hills club ride I captained last weekend. As promised, it was a winding & circuitous... some would say tortuous... ride through the hills

It was a stunning day, no sign of rain anywhere. "So where was everyone" I wondered, as I waited impatiently at Howard Tce... Anyway, a flurry of SMS and phone calls determined 10 other riders were just the next street down, on Hazelwood Ave! A great start as Club Captain.



We took a quick blast around Ashtun, Mt Lofty and Upper Sturt to loosen up, before stopping for a break at Miss Perez, Stirling, for a coffee. A couple of riders left us there before we proceeded on to Mylor. And it was going pretty well, until a nasty screw deflated Molly's hopes and tyre. A couple rider's stayed on to assist Molly, leaving only 5 of us to complete the remainder of the ride.

We proceeded through to Hanhndorf, and battled shitty traffic before turning off to Balhannah through stunning wine country. From there, we turned left to Verdun

and snuck up Beaumont Rd, and onto the best section of Greenhill Rd to Carey Gully, whence we parsed Deviation Rd to Basket Range via Lobethal Rd. Some stunning backroads bought us to Marble Hill Rd, which we motored through to the Corkscrew at Castambul. Down we squirreled our way till blasting our way to our lunch and final destination, Cudlee Cafe. From there we went our separate ways, most zipping off to Kersbrook for a much need fuel stop.



By Jerome M

*"A great start as Club Captain"*

**Norton**

# Norton News

The first cub ride with the new ride Captain started off a good one! Terrific weather, a good turn out of riders, a new member and fantastic roads to travel on. Jerome had us on some tight scenic roads for the first section of the ride then a stop at Sterling for coffee and a chat. What a great morning I thought....

*"I usually carry a can of that 'puncture in a can goop' but it was to old and had lost its pressure"*

Then 10 minutes out of Sterling while rounding a tight corner I felt the back of the bike move. I had the impression maybe a bit of sand or gravel on the road nothing to worry about but then the "wobbles" started, the old gut feeling of that has to be a soft tyre was confirmed after stopping, the head of a Philips screw could be seen. Damm but no problem I always carry a can of "spare tyre in a tin"



so out of the tool bag, plug it into the valve, hit the go button and nothing! Push the button again and still nothing. Bugga, pressure in the tin long gone and that brought the end of a great days ride to a sudden halt!



## *Erm... Vintage*

While I stood trying to think who I could call to get a trailer and do a rescue mission club member Neil offered to go home and get his trailer and run me home. I gladly accepted and while Neil shot off home Ian stayed to keep me company till Neils return then helped load up the bike and tie it down . What a fantastic couple of club members, many thanks to Neil and Ian for their assistance, the flat tyre not only brought my day to a halt theirs.





I can't thank these guys enough, top blokes the pair of them. Neil's effort was fantastic to say the least, travelled home from basically Hahndorf where I got the flat, picked up his trailer, travel back, load up then run me home to Wynn Vale then travel back home to the southern side of the city, huge effort. While being ferried home I was trying to remember how old the can of "spare in a tin" was. I think it's best not to say how old but I will be replacing those on

a regular basis from now on!! The poor old Commando. The shame of it going home on a trailer but then again that's the first time in 46 years of ownership she has had to go home on a trailer! She's limped, wheezed, coughed home many a time but the first on a trailer. So moral of the story replace your tyre gunk cans regularly .  
Dave M

By Dave Meldrum



# Norton Sheds



Getting ready for spring and a new season riding is usually pretty straight forwards so I thought I'd change the oil in all the bikes and take the lad into the shed with me to get some support



Anyway, I can't remember at what point I became completely out of my depth. It may have been when the dummy came out, or when it was followed by some sick... or even when I looked down at my hands (at this point covered in oil) and realised that I could do nothing without wiping grease over William and passing him back to Kate.

The day that he becomes a gofer (go for this, go for that) will be a great day in my life. However, until then I may need a bit more practice at being both a dad and a Norton rider.

By Dicky L



*Second gear and over ¼ throttle will get you every time*





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## Marketplace



**For Sale** - 1950 ES2 Fully restored \$14,00  
Con 0417 005 235



**For Sale** - 1940 16H Rough but running \$8,500  
Con 0417 005 235

**For Sale** - 2008 Triumph Thruxton.  
4700kms, one owner. Air injection & emissions mods. Aftermarket guards, turn signals, & reverse cone exhaust. \$8500 contact Donald editor@nmcsa.org (selling for a mate so he can buy Con's 16H)

**Wanted** - JOE SEIFERT C652 After any magazine articles and pictures  
Dave Meldrum 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.  
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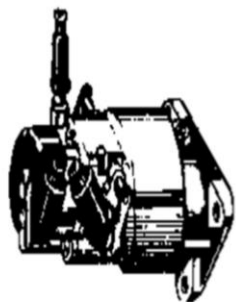
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| 18th October  | Hills<br>Or wherever we like | Hazelwood Park<br>Cnr Greenhill Rd &<br>Hawthorn Cres |
| 15th November | TBA                          | TBA   |
| 20th December | TBA                          | TBA   |

**We welcome Jerome as our new ride captain**

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

## Events

- Oct 3rd-11th **Festival of Motorcycling**  
Organised by the Classic Owners Club in partnership with several other local clubs, including the **Norton Motorcycle Club of SA**. A full week of events, day and night, culminating with the popular 'Classics At Hart' show. Steve Richter and Donald Hosier of the **NMCSA** have organised and are leading a ride through the hills on Tuesday, Oct. 6th, so please book some time off and support us. Check out the full itinerary of what is sure to be a great week for the South Australia motorcycle community.  
[www.classicowners.org/festival-of-motorcycling-2020](http://www.classicowners.org/festival-of-motorcycling-2020)
- Nov 12th-15th **\*\*Notice - Change of Date\*\***  
**Australian Historic Road Racing Championships - MacNamara Park, Mount Gambier**  
It's officially on, so book your accommodation! Make the trip down and cheer on our local riders. A few of us are riding down and good times will ensue both at the track and on the town  
[www.ma.org.au/australian-historic-road-racing-championship-rescheduled-for-2020](http://www.ma.org.au/australian-historic-road-racing-championship-rescheduled-for-2020)

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**

