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The Norton logo is written in a stylized, white, gothic-style font on a dark blue background.

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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:
January ride into the hills





Presidents Blurb

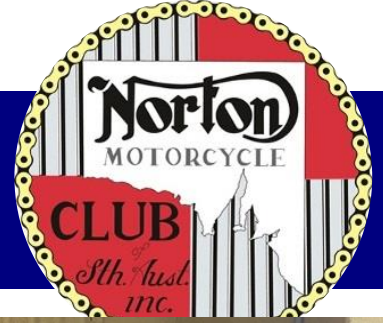
Donald Hosier

Dear Members,
G'day and welcome to another calendar year! I hope the holiday season treated you and your family well. Despite no meeting in January, it was still a bit busy for us. The first weekend of the year, a group of us headed down to Mount Gambier for the Historic Racing Motorcycle Register of SA Championships. It was a bloody good time, with a record turn out of riders from several states, all eager to get out on the track after almost a year of practically no motorsport events due to you-know-what. The smell and sounds of so many raucous machines may have got the better of one of our members, who was overcome with the 'red mist' and has since acquired his own Norton race bike. Watch this space! Off track was just as exciting, with Barry, Jerome, Molly and his Victorian friend Gary, and myself, staying at the local caravan park and mixing it up with the locals out on the town. It was non-stop laughs and telling stories, with a few lessons in the ancient art of moose calling thrown in (you had to be there). Recently myself and some other members went out for a social ride on a weeknight. Not really an official Club ride, just a casual burn up through the Hills and back down to the 'flats' for dinner. The idea was to just do something a bit different and it proved to be popular for a few of us. Murray, Phil, Tom and me met at Newton and headed up Gorge Rd, then on to Lenswood where we were met by members Kim & Michelle on their gorgeous pair of Moto Guzzis. We meandered through the Hills a while longer before heading down to Big Bang Brewing Company in Stepney for a bite to eat. Barry showed up as well, and we all had a good chin wag over burgers and spicy cauliflower nuggets. I am planning another one in the coming week, which will see us cruising up the Hills again, then heading down to the beach for food. Over the past few months I fell into a bit of a 'shed funk', where I found myself too tired (life, you know how it is) or just plain too unmotivated to get out there and finish off the Commando.



To be honest, this seems to have happened several times over the last few years, whereas in previous periods you couldn't drag me away from the spanners. Upon reflection, I realized this tends to happen when I'm getting out for rides enough, and for the last 10 years, the Norton has been my only street bike, which means any time there's been an issue with it, I'm not riding. So the best way to fix this problem was to buy another bike, and I decided to go with something a bit more modern. I do wish I could be satisfied with a Japanese inline-4, my life would be a helluva lot easier, but I still crave the rumble of a twin. Not wanting to complicate things with liquid cooling and multiple valves per cylinder, and seeing as several of our members have a penchant to keep their Nortons company with an Italian machine, I gave myself a Christmas present in the form of a 2007 Ducati Monster S2R1000. Having sold Ducati's many years ago, I knew to expect sublime handling and an overall terrific machine, I'm not disappointed. It's not so different than the Commando either, it has an air-cooled 2-valve engine, only a slightly more aggressive riding position, the long-legged torque is exhilarating when I roll on the throttle, it has a rattily dry clutch just like my Norton, and it emits a wondrous growl from the twin exhaust.... Continued overleaf.

Norton News



Continued.... It has really invigorated the joy of riding for me, and I've already done more work on the Norton in 1 week than I had in the past 3 months. And the best bit is I prefer riding the Commando, so the Ducati has motivated me to get it back on the road.... for the third time in 12 months. Your Prez, Donald

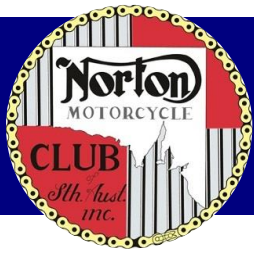
A few of us made the trip to Mount Gambier and had a ball. There were some great machines, as usual, and some thrilling race action. We met a few Norton enthusiasts, including a couple of young blokes, the '2 Nicks' from Vic, who race a 39 Norton and some sort of BSA thingy. They'll be at Sellicks as well. Aside from the racing, we also spent a considerable amount of time getting to know the locals at several pubs in town, but we'll leave that report for another time.

Our Club was mentioned many times over the PA during the event, and we noticed that over the years, we are the only motorcycle club sponsoring historic racing in SA. I think that is something to be proud of.



Choppers may not be to everyone's taste, however, this guy has perfect taste in an engine. Also, that's some damn fine work on primary chain case there. Also who else has the ability to make their own manifolds?





Norton News

**Motorcyclist, 95,
Loses His License
For Next 3 Years**

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MARKET LAVINGTON, Eng-
land, Aug. 7. (U.P.)—George Dob-
son will have to wait until he is
98 years old before he can ride
his motorcycle again.

Dobson, 95, got a three-year
suspension of his driver's license
after he collided with a car while
trying to hang on to a bottle of
liquor slipping out of his pocket.

You have to admire the guy above. If I can ever grow old as disgracefully as this guy then I've had a pretty good time of things.

Talking of misbehaving, best caption competition for the top right photographs wins.... Nothing. But it'll be a laugh.



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Attached is a photo of William (Bob) Sayer receiving the Best Norton trophy from our President, Danny Ahern. Bob has a lovely Norton Atlas that is up at the pointy end in his events, but unfortunately, I don't have a photo of it. Once again, thanks heaps for your support.

Trevor Henderson,
Secretary HMCRRSA



Il Presidente Don has been organizing a few evening outings on the bikes to the occasional pub in the evening. This photo was taken outside the little bange brewing company near Kent town. Fantastic little pub.

However, notice the only hero with working lights on his Norton... everyone else chose to ride a modern bike.



Norton Awards

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Norton Rides



Hey all,

What an awesome day for a ride. Absolutely cracking weather!

We started from the Basecamp Cafe, Glynburn Rd shortly after 10am with 8 riders - myself (Ducati), Neil (Harley), Con (650SS), Murray (Bimma), Greg (Commando Mk 2A), Phil B (Commando 961) and two friends of mine, Michael (Suzuki) & Robert (on a tasty classic Honda 4).



From Tippet Rd it was a quick right onto North East Rd, then left onto South Para Rd to Kersbrook where we had a short break at the servo. Kersbrook to One Tree Hill had some fantastic open



We zigzagged our way to Montacute Rd, turned right, and wound our way up into the hills, before turning left on the aptly-named Corkscrew Rd (otherwise known as the Harley Chamber of Horrors). At the T-junction we turned right onto Gorge Rd, wound on the throttle and hugged the beautiful curves, before eventually turning left onto Tippet Rd. What a rush!



Riding in COVID times



views across the plains and valleys. At the roundabout, we hooked right onto Humbug Scrub Rd. If you have not done this stretch of tarmac, make sure it's on your next biking agenda. It's lots of fun with a good variety of riding to be had.

In no time at all we had reached our lunch destination, Williamstown Pub. We were a bit early, so a vote was taken, and the decision made, to extend our journey along the very pleasant Mt Pleasant - Springton loop, led now by Phil.

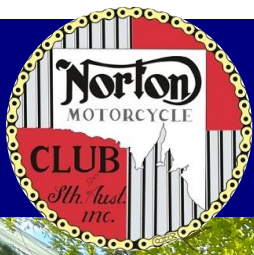


Old Navigation on a new bike.



By the time we made it back to Williamstown, Dicky and Ian were already perched at the front bar with drinks in hand. Dicky had arrived Commando, while Ian rode into town on his delectable Ducati MHR Mille. Molly turned up a few minutes later with his sore back. We all headed out to the garden bar for a really brilliant lunch.

Just about everyone peeled off in different directions after lunch, leaving just Dicky to experience the rest of my planned route, which firstly took us to Lobethal via Warren Rd, Angas Ck Rd, Burfords Hill Rd and Kenton Valley Rd. At Lobethal, it was right onto the superb Cuddlee Ck Rd and left onto Fox Ck Rd to Lenswood. Turning left onto Swamp Rd eventually brought us to the intersection with Greenhill Rd near Balhannah, where we turned right, then left onto the awesome Beaumont Rd, through to Verdun, where Dicky and I had a well deserved beer.



Norton Lunch



Dicky's Commando

From Verdun, we headed toward Bridgewater, but turned right at Carey Gully Rd for the lovely ride though Mt George. At the intersection it was right onto Rangeview Dr before hooking left onto Greenhill Rd, where we separated ways onto home.

All in all a fantastic ride and great day. I hope everyone else felt the same!

Jerome M

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Marketplace

Got a bike you want to sell? It doesn't have to be a Norton, anyone who is part of the club can post any type of bike.

Wanted - JOE SEIFERT C652 After any magazine articles and pictures
Dave Meldrum 0423 191 620

Wanted - pair of Mk3 crank cases to complete a 'spare engine' or at the very least have somewhere to keep all the bits in one place. Dicky 0447 545 339



Norton Merchandise

Like the hats above? Don't forget that the club provides range of Norton merchandise to keep the club running.

If you would like hats (caps, buckets hats, beanies), shirts, stubbie holders, badges, and now some very fancy whisky glasses engraved with the famous Norton logo, or now that it's summer and over 40°C you can treat yourself to a nice thick black Norton Hoddie... or not.

For information on merchandise please contact Lyndi at the next club meeting.



Anyone got any Mk3 Cases?

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21 st March 2021	TBA	TBA
18 th April 2021	TBA	TBA

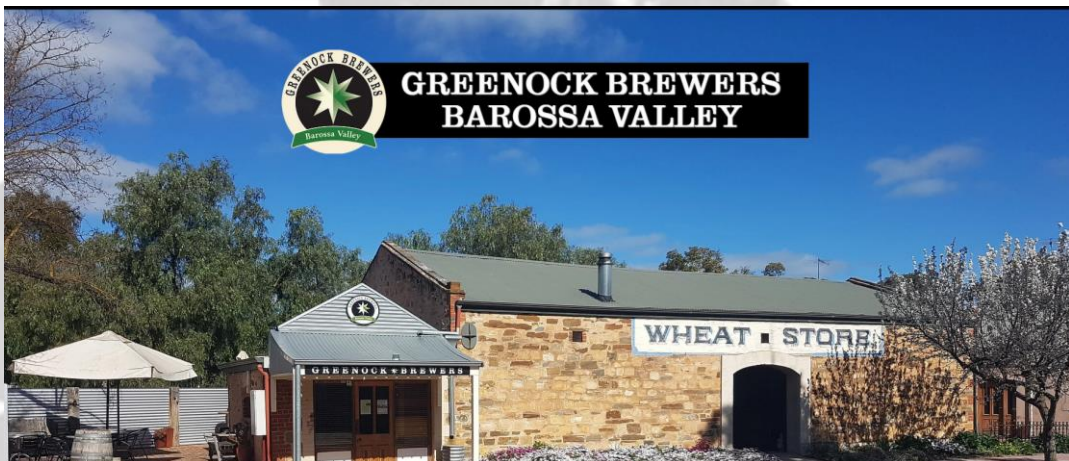
AS ALWAYS 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - UNLESS WE DECIDE OTHERWISE ! OR COVID FORCES A DECISION ON US !

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

Recently Donald has been organising evening Thursday rides too so keep your details up to date on the mailing list

Events

Date to be advised: Many years ago the club visited the Greenock Brewers, which incidentally had a Norton Café Racer style bike in the entrance. The place does food, so we will have to make this a destination to see if the bike is still there... no riding ahead to spoil the surprise.



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**

