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Bikes you can ride in the hills.*

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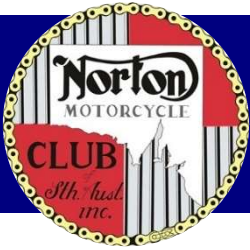
Members wanting any events, services, classifieds, rides, etc. in the ENERGETTE please contact the editor with details for inclusion in future issues.

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

If you'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:
2021 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride





Presidents Blurb

Donald Hosier

Dear Members,

Welcome to June. Surprise! No AGM this month, as we've opted to hold it in July. Sorry, you'll have to wait another month before you put your hand up to hold a position on the committee, I know you've been hanging out for it. As usual, all committee positions will be up for grabs and we encourage all members to consider giving it a go.

This year I registered for the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride for the first time. In my usual style, I was late, but in a single week of fundraising, I managed to garner over \$700 from kind friends and



family towards men's health. I can't tell you how thankful I was to receive so much support in raising awareness and funds for prostate and testicular cancer, as well as men's mental health. Be sure to continue to support and talk about www.movember.com, and www.gentlemansride.com.

I apologise for this being a short blurb, however Dicky has covered quite a bit in the following pages. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Monday, July 5th, and don't forget the next Club ride on June 20th.

Until then, folks, happy Norton-eering!

Donald Hosier



Always have a drip tray for visiting comrades

Norton Sad News



In memory of
**Mick
Hemmings**

Racer, Mechanic
1944-2021

If you were to ever think of a racing Norton then you would probably think of the name 'Mick Hemmings'. Mick stood out from others by being a winning racer, gifted tuning mechanic capable of getting the most out of the Norton marque and someone who smoked like a two stroke.

It all started in 1969, when Mick bought a crashed Commando, rebuilt it, improved the tuning, handling, power and braking, launching him into scoring more than 50 wins over his racing career.

Later in life he closed his town centre shop to concentrate on engine and gearbox preparation from his enviable home-based workshop.

In 2020, when he was 76, he decided to further slow down by servicing and building gearboxes only.

If you want to grab yourself one of his bikes there's currently one for sale in the UK for £12,000, if you have the appetite (<https://motorcycles-for-sale.biz/sale.php?id=55466>)



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Norton Club Bikes

There are few words that excite the average Norton rider, however; Stage 3 Maney head, Maney cases, one piece crank, Carillo rods, TTI 5 speed box, Maney ignition, exhaust and belt drive, and over featherbed frame tend to raise the pulse a bit. Add to that twin 38mm mikunis and you have one hell of a track bike.



Dan Gleeson's Domi Racer with Barry's bike.



Last club meeting we were in for a treat with Barry Miller's latest bike, which runs on fuel you can't buy at the OTR (Methanol).



Who needs to buy a stand?



"yeah, I'd put it at least 80 Moose Power"

Norton Rides



Seven of us (myself, Neil, Phil Allen, Phil Burgess, Molly, & non-members Michael and Robert) had a great ride Sunday, avoiding any rain and soaking up what sunshine we found along the way! With beautiful autumn colours everywhere - it was certainly a great time to explore the hills!

We met at the Basecamp Cafe in Burnside and warmed up with a coffee before departing around 10:15. My original plan was to go up to Mannum, but after a drive the day before near Mt Bold reservoir, I changed my mind. So, we launched our journey by riding up Greenhill Road to Carey Gully, then taking a right onto Rangeview Drive and left onto Carey Gully Road to



Aldgate Valley Road

Bridgewater via Mount George. Some lovely sweeping corners here and mostly 80 km/hr..

From Bridgewater we made our way to Aldgate via Mount Barker Road, took a left at the round-about, and a quick right up Aldgate Valley Road, a perennial favourite of mine and absolutely stunning this time of year.

Instead of taking this road all the way to Mylor, we hooked right onto Forbes Road and all the way to Longwood Road, and then left until we hit the t-junction with Mt Bold Road. We stopped briefly to check over Phil's 961 as it was blowing smoke, but it came good. (Apparently there is a known issue with oil getting onto the air filter under certain conditions).

Mt Bold Road was visually spectacular (even after the recent fires had gone through the area), a fun ride, and wonderfully bereft of cars. Even the ~1km section of (nicely compacted) dirt road didn't deter Neil! Mt Bold Road turns into Dorset Vale Road which ultimately ends up at Cherry Gardens after some tight and narrow uphill twisties.





The fine art of reading a speedo

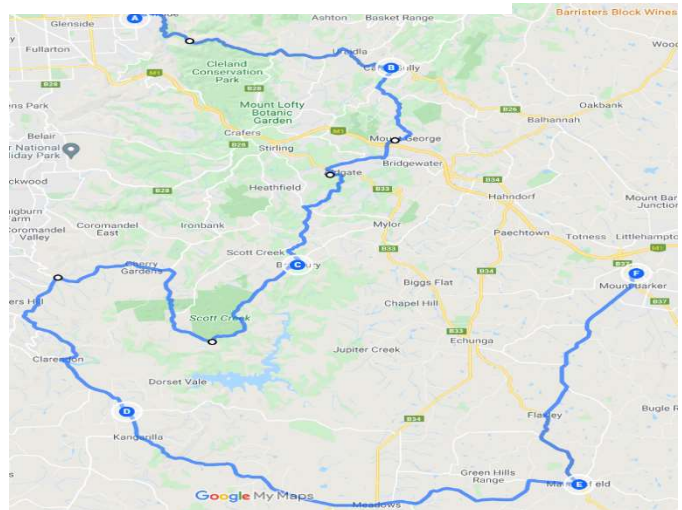
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Left onto Cherry Gardens Road, left onto Main Road, left onto Chandlers Hill Road, and finally, left once again onto the pretty awesome Potter Road, and into Clarendon for a coffee and snack at the bakery.

From Clarendon it was Kangarilla Road all the way to, well, Kangarilla and onward on Dashwood Gully Road to Meadows where we refuelled. At this juncture, Molly went on his separate way while the rest of us continued down Macclesfield Road to, you guessed it, Macclesfield, then left on Strathalbyn Road to Flaxley and right on Flaxley Road to Mt Barker where we stopped for lunch at The Barker Hotel. The food was great!



Clarendon



By Jerome

Norton Rides

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Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 2021 Adelaide



I'm rather committed to the Distinguished Gentleman's ride for their commitment to Men's Mental and Physical health. Especially after losing my father to prostate cancer all too early at the age of 65, so when I had the chance to ride with Donald, Molly and Craig I couldn't pass it up.

The day started in Ebenezer Place, where I guess 500 bikes and their dapper riders rode to semaphore in a stream of highly desirable bikes. Me, Don, Craig and Molly rode together by the most absurd 1920s? DKW two



Just look at that paint. Wow.



Norton DGR 2021



Distinguished Gentlemen...apparently

stroke that could only tick over by revving the nuts off it, with exhaust extenders at the back waiting to fire off at any moment, but he got there. From Semaphore we rode back to the Maid and Magpie in Kent Town where Donald made 7 News... really. If you take one thing away from his ride then get yourself checked for prostate cancer, don't put it off and don't become another statistic.

Dicky



Molly... wearing a tie. Now I've seen everything.





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Marketplace

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.



Norton Stickers

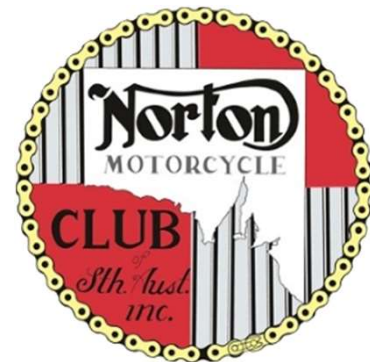


Got a bike you want to sell? It doesn't have to be a Norton, anyone who is part of the club can post any type of bike.

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

Anyone got any Mk3 Cases?



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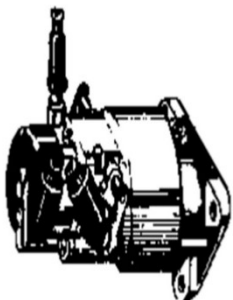
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Date	Ride	Start Point
20 th June 2021	Solstice ride!	TBA
5 th July 2021	AGM	
18 th July 2021	TBA	TBA
15 th August 2021	TBA	TBA

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

News and Events

No logbook processing at the July meeting - its our AGM. I know for some of you it was the only reason to turn up to the AGM, but it didn't allow Registrars to focus fully on the meeting. I know we have a strong membership currently and look forward to seeing as many of you there as can make it.

Logbooks are valid to 30.6.21 until updated / stamped. If your membership is not paid up, your rego is not valid.

The Club is required to notify the Govt of Logbook holders whose Memberships lapse more than 2 months in arrears , which may result in you losing rights to the Club Rego scheme .

Please pass this on if you know of members who don't do email.



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**

