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# ENERGETTE

newsletter for the  
NORTON MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, INC.  
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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:**  
***Spring rides (Eddie's Commando)***





# Presidents Blurb

## Donald Hosier

Dear Members,

I've been told this issue's blurb must be kept short due to limited space. Well then, see what I can do.

Ok, Collingrove Hill Climb was good, ride up was fun and a bunch of us NMCSA mongrels met up at the event and had a heap of laughs. It was good to see father and son members, Jon and Christian, who are currently working on their Inter and hope to have it on the road soon.

As usual, this time of year sees a bunch of events coming up, Lions Bike Show, NMCSA Xmas Lunch, Xmas breakup BBQ and meeting, Historic State Titles, All British Day. Phew! I'm sure I'm missing something.

With the longer days here now, I'll be looking to get out for some weeknight casual rides and dinners, so be prepared for something coming up soon.



Ok, Mr Editor, is that brief enough?  
Your Prez, Donald

## !!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

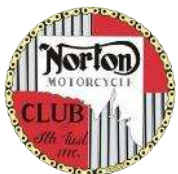
Spring is in the air, Thinking of taking your bike out for a ride? Members are reminded that Club Rego (logbooks) is only valid if you remain a Financial member. Memberships are due for renewal as of 30 June each year. Once you have renewed your membership you then need to have your Logbook endorsed (or a new one issued) by a Club Registrar .

If you do not renew your membership, the Club is required to notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and your Historic Rego status will be withdrawn, and your vehicle is therefore unregistered until you reapply for "normal " rego. Currently we have a number of Financial members who have not presented their Logbooks for endorsement this Financial year.

Please remember - this is your responsibility- its not up to the Club to come chasing you.

So, go get your logbook out and have a look - If it does not have a current endorsement confirming you are financial to 30 June 2022 you should not be using it.

Don't risk a fine or losing your access to Club Rego, or if you have sold or your bike is off the road - just let us know.



Log Books can be updated via post - or at meetings .

Any questions ? Contact Club Registrar (Dave R: 0423 498 78



# Norton Sheds



## OFF WITH ITS HEAD

After over 35 years of ownership and well over 80,000 miles, I decided the ol' Fastback was due for some maintenance.

A leaky valve guide was suspected and difficulty maintaining a sealed head gasket was annoying. So off with its head and barrel.

Although I had faced the head myself occasionally on a glass plate and wet'n'dry, I decided time to get it done by a man with a machine!

I also checked the barrel top face and not surprisingly found daylight under the straight edge rule in between the bores. So they would be refaced as well. At the end of the street where I work is / was McLaren Motor engineers, old school and familiar with motorcycle requirements . I say was because last week they shut up shop. :(



So anyway, Matt did a great job removing the minimum of metal and replaced 2 guides and refaced all the seats , valves , tips etc. I used some facing tools Phil lent me to clean up the rocker cover seats where the nuts tighten up .

Back it goes together with careful attention to retorquing the cylinder .

I was fortunate to have on loan from my good friend Phillip , the original Villers Norton Commando torque wrench and fittings to do all the nuts and bolts found on a Commando head . This tool was passed on to Phil by John McLaren who got it from John Hudson who used it as he travelled far and wide repairing Commandos under warranty back in the 70 's !

# Norton Sheds



I was then able to make my own versions to suit my Norbar torque wrench which has recently been serviced and calibrated.

So, I torqued that head after initial startup. Again after 50 km , then 100km , then 200 km then 500km.

It was on this last reset that the front LH nut under the exhaust refused to tighten .

Yes, it had pulled the stud .Did I curse ? You bloody bet I did !



**OFF WITH ITS HEAD !!**

**AGAIN !!**

This time I got in touch with Gary Jolly - Reliable Engineering and asked him if he could do brass inserts ? The head had already been helicoiled before and that had pulled. Not unusual on Commando heads either ...

So, Gary was keen and capable as he is an old school machinist ( no CNC here) and is building up his business with old bikes / engines in mind.

He first had to make a plate to hold the Norton head and also the tools to make and fit the brass inserts. The photos tell the story.

Gary is also keen to set himself up to do the Norton Exhaust thread repair as well , so worth a call if you have the need . Previously Gary machined a complete rocker box for my 1935 BSA from solid. That was indeed a remarkable piece of work .

<http://reliableengineers.com.au/>

0430 350 051

Cheers, Dave R



*Right tool for the job*





# Norton Shows



*First outing!*

The long weekend Sunday was the Balhannah swap meet where we got to unveil our new marquee, and it didn't disappoint. The club looked slick and professional.

Overall, the swap meet was a cold and rainy occasion, but you can see the die-hard bike fans are out in force.





# Norton Rides

This month's ride Started at Gawler, heading over to port Wakefield. Although, en route, we had a slight incident where Eddie had an issue with the spark.

All was fine with the ride, with a nice long road to open her up then nothing. Nothing we could do so towed back.

On the positive side, sunshine. good meal. Good ride.

The Boyer is going to get replaced by a tri-spark. It's been there for years and has not failed, but all good things come to an end..



*Lost its spark*



*Eddie's bike*



*No man left behind*

# Norton Rides

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# Norton history



In November 2019 we met Con's Model 19R (that's R for rigid, not R for racing) which was purchased from the family of a former club member. Well Con thinks he's traced the history of the bike and it's a corker.

The bike used to be a racer, so much so won the 1968 24hr Trial on the Norton. Everyone worries about a buying a bike that has been thrashed but this one may take the medal on that too.

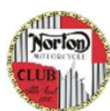
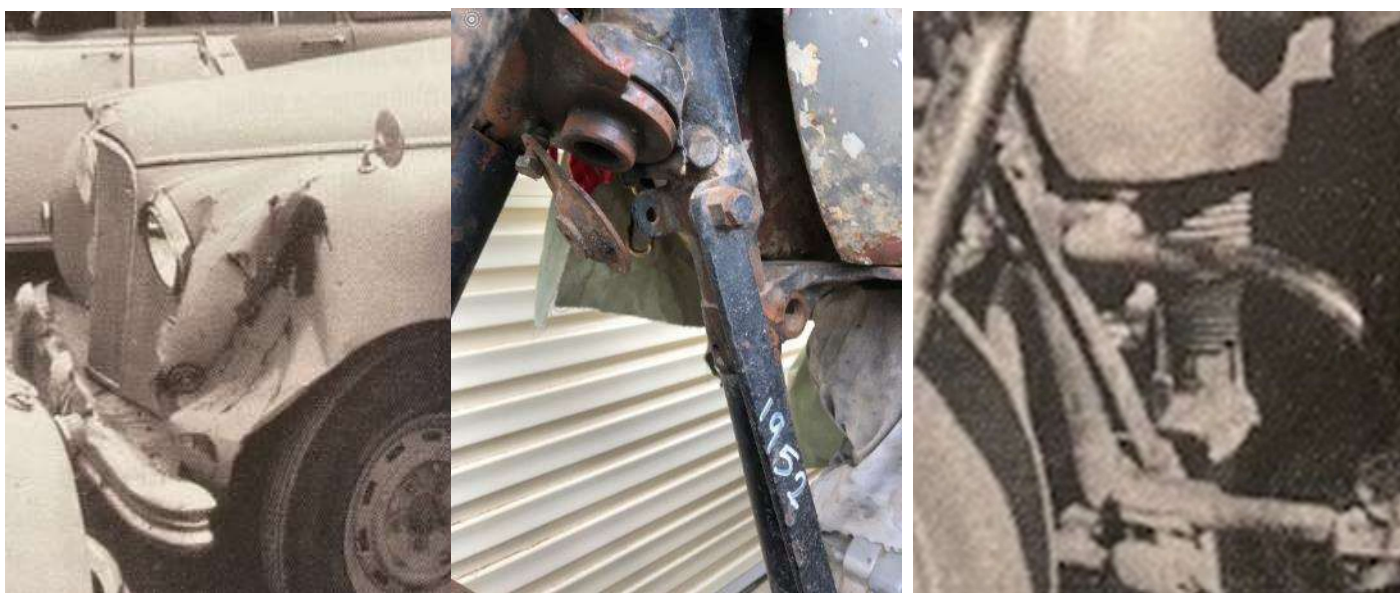
If you look below (centre) you can see parts of the sidecar racing heritage still attached to the frame and (right) a picture of the part post winning the 24hr.

The dent in the can below was when the model 19R broke through a fence and crashed into a parked jaguar (riders were ok though)



*Con and Tony (Nov 2019)*

If you have any stories you would like to share then please get in touch. It's the stories like this and their associated memories that keep the interest in this old bikes going.





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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.



### Buying anything?

### Norton Stickers

If you want to buy anything then you will find that the post is crippling. As a club if you want to buy anything then reach out to other members in the club as they may need things too. Sharing the postage is a pretty good idea these days.... I've just bought a set of stainless rims and spokes from the UK to the cost of £160 (more than the cost of a single rim and spokes), so well worth sharing the postage.

**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.**

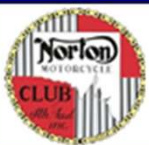
**Wanted** - JOE SEIFERT C652 After any magazine articles and pictures  
Dave Meldrum 0423 191 620

**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



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17th October Black Rd	Southern Vales	Old Weighbridge SE corner of South Rd &
21st November	Hills & Xmas Lunch	Basecamp Café Aldgate Pump Hotel @ 1230 541 Glynburn Rd 1 Strathalbyn Rd, Aldgate Burnside
19th December	Northern/Barossa	Shell Servo 12 Murray St Gawler
16th January Hills	Basecamp Café	541 Glynburn Rd Burnside
20th February	Fleurieu & South Coast	Old Weighbridge SE corner of South Rd & Black Rd

## Upcoming Events

**7th November - Lions Bike Show - Macclesfield - 9am to 3pm** Norton MCC will have a display. No need to register, come and go as you please. Be sure to park at the Club display. Always a great show, relaxed atmosphere, lots of great bikes, music, food, swap meet. More info [www.ionsbike.show](http://www.ionsbike.show) and [www.facebook.com/lionsbikeshow](http://www.facebook.com/lionsbikeshow)

**21st November - NMCSA Xmas Lunch - Aldgate Pump Hotel - 1230pm** Our annual Christmas lunch, family, friends, all are welcome. Monthly ride will depart from Basecamp Café, Burnside, or feel free to meet us at the pub. Please RSVP Donald so we can give the venue an accurate idea of how many will be attending [admin@nmcsa.org](mailto:admin@nmcsa.org)

**1st & 2nd January 2022 - SA HISTORIC CHAMPIONSHIP - Mac Park** The Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA annual championship. NMCSA supported event, great track, great bikes, great people. Go cheer on some of our own, Dan Gleeson, Barry Miller, plus a whole bunch of other fast Nortons. More info at [www.historicmotorcyclerracing.org](http://www.historicmotorcyclerracing.org)

**13th February 2022 - All British Day - Echunga** Another event where the NMCSA makes a good showing. C'mon, let's put our new marquee to good use and try for a record entry this year. You can even enter your 'project' bike. Entries close soon! More info at [www.allbritishday.com](http://www.allbritishday.com)



How prices change. Have a look at this from Phil. An ES2 for \$1500 and a Commando for \$2300. (1985 prices).

If you knew then what you knew now, how many would you get?



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**

