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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:  
British Motorcycle Day at  
Balhannah Oval**





# Presidents-Editors Blurb

Donald Hosier

Presidential Blurbifferations,

Good day to you all. This has probably been the most difficult report I've written, for no other reason than lack of inspiration. To help get my writing mojo back, I've sat myself in the 'play room', a shared space between my daughter and I, with her toys and crafts at one end, and my records, books and dads 'cool stuff' at the other. I've got 'Sounds of the Big Irons' playing, recordings of American dirt track racing with groovy 60's instrumentals playing over top. Best I could do with no copies of 'Sound Stories - Isle of Man TT' on vinyl.

Is it working? You be the judge.

By the time you've read this, the Australia Historic Road Racing Championships will have been run and won... finally. It's been postponed several times since 2020 due to you know what. I'd booked annual leave and accommodation for each of the rescheduled weekends at Mac Park, but in the end I wasn't able to make it this time around. Dammit! I'm looking forward to hearing how it went and seeing photos of all the great bikes and race action. The inaugural British Motorcycle Day at Balhannah was a resounding success. The Norton display had about 25 bikes, with only about 5 of those being Commandos. The rest was a diverse mix with a 1925 16H the earliest, a beauty Manx race bike that hadn't seen the light of day since the 80's, a couple of from Con's collection, Dicky and Jerome's ES2's, a WD16H, both of Christian's Internationals, a 500T, and a whole bunch of others. Rob Elliott got the 'Best Norton' with his 16H, and another ES2 got



'Best Outfit'. My highlight was the 'lap of honour' I took in Phil B's ES2 outfit. Thanks mate! I hope you made it home before the sun went down, though I'm sure Thelma's Dominator would've produced just enough candlelight for the two of you.

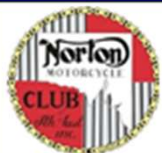
What else is going on? In my shed it's been the usual case of trying to clear it out to make some more workable space. I unexpectedly sold my two Yamaha 175's this weekend, which has made a big dent in that job. Of course, no sooner will I have cleared a significant amount of space; I can only hope I'll find a WD16H in need of a new home.

There you have it folks. Safe riding.

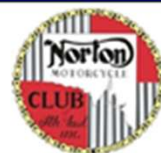
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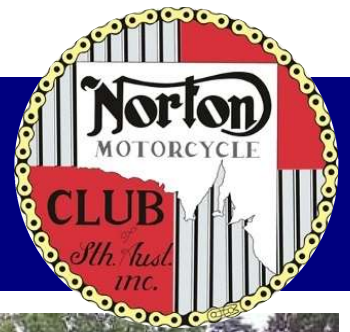
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# Norton

# Norton Shows



Wow. What a turn out. I've not seen so many Nortons in a single place since I've come to Australia. Especially, coming to an event where Commandos were the rare exception as so many prestigious models were present.

When I heard about the British Motorcycle Day at Balhannah Oval, after the All British Day 2022 was cancelled I just want to come all the more and I'm glad I did.

Such a good turn out, counting 27 Nortons at one point.



## *British Motorcycle Day 2022*



# Norton Shows



Thelma's stunning Dommie



Rob's Best Norton





# Norton Shows



*Every cylinder head needs a random lever. Ask Rob.*

**Norton**



# Rides

Another stunning run led by Donald. This time we managed to get the hang of corner marshalling, alas not the hand of missing the dirt roads. Yes some of the modern trails bikes were in their element, however the exhaust rose on my commando started to rattle loose half way round the ride. Have you guys heard an 850 without a silencer? Damn that was loud. Anyway, 4hrs, 250km of riding and a damn perfect day finished with a burger at Finnis.



Such a good turn out too with about 20 bikes in total. Not that you can see from the pictures as Norton's always take a better snap.

*A rose by any other name*



## NMCSA March Club Ride

We had a stunning day for the March club run...

So it was a bit of a rude shock to find only 1(!) club member (Phil Allen on his BMW) could be arsed to join me and my Norton ES2 for a ride. Seriously?! C'mon guys! It takes time to organise these runs, and a good chunk out of my weekend.

I guess I should have realised it wasn't going to be the best of days when I arrived late at Basecamp to find the place closed. Allen, and my mate Michael, messaged to say they had relocated to VPs Cafe at the Greenhill Rd / Glynburn Rd roundabout for coffee. I joined them, had a chat, decided no-one else was joining, and soon departed.

The ride up to Lenswood and across to Woodside was simply spectacular! After a brief fuel stop we proceeded toward Mt Barker via Nairne but hooked right before the first stoplights, onto the majestic Hawthorn Rd. Give it a go if you haven't already! At the intersection with Echunga Rd we turned left and then onto Battunga Rd to Meadows where we stopped for a coffee break at the 'Pik a Pie' bakery. Dave Lorincz was already there, nursing a coffee and admiring the seemingly endless stream of bikes and classic cars going past, having arrived a few minutes earlier on his sweet Moto Guzzi.



With a kitchener-bun-induced sugar rush coming on, I led our small contingent at pace toward our lunchtime destination, the Smiling Samoyed Brewery, Myponga. With throttles wide open, we charged down Brookman Rd, through the ever beautiful Kuitpo Forest, past Dingabledinga and Hope Forest, and crested Willunga Hill. A quick left, then right onto Pages Flat Rd ensured the ever hectic Victor harbour Rd was soon just a blurry spec in our rear-vision mirrors.

# Norton Rides





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The brewery was already quite busy but we had no problem securing a seat and a beer (or tasting paddle) and meals. David and I quickly established we are both keen home brewers. The samoyeds were there, as usual, circulating amongst the guests, making sure everyone was having a great time, in return for a furtive snack. Donald happened to be at Myponga for a classic mountain bike swap meet, and dropped in to join us. It was so nice there, it was hard not to stay for another round of drinks. But no! Places to go, people to see, things to do... but not quite the way I had planned!





# Norton Logo



Back on our bikes, we hooked right onto Main S Rd, through Wattle Flat and onto Yankalilla. Boy, I love that windy section as you come down into the township...

However, the bike didn't, and coasted to a determined stop, somewhat conveniently, beside the supermarket and almost opposite the pub. I tried to kick her back into life, but no go. We quickly deduced a battery issue (no headlights, no horn) and hunted for a loose earth cable. No, it all appeared ok. Next stop - check the fuse. But that appeared ok too. Finally I shorted the battery and... No spark! I took it out, and it was then I found out it was really hot and leaked a little liquid onto my hands! Eek!

For those of you not in the know, I installed an SSB LFP612L *lithium* battery in the bike back when I bought it, oh, 18 months ago. It has operated flawlessly since then, having never needed to be charged. But I have heard the horror stories of when they go bad, they go *real* bad.

Michael suggested a standard 6v battery from the supermarket might be sufficient to get me home, but I was not convinced.

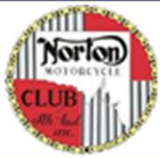
Dave offered to go on a ~2hr round trip to get his 6v battery, but I declined - I didn't want to put anyone out *that* much! So, instead Dave kindly dinkied me on his Guzzi to the Normanville Ampol, but they had no batteries at all! We also tried the gentleman at the leather store, the one with the Harley permanently camped out front, but he only had 12v batteries. You should have a look sometime, he has some, err, interesting leatherwear! Then a kind local, Keith, offered to store the bike for me overnight in his home (a lovely old cottage) just behind the variety store there. Awesome. What a relief.

So all in all I consider myself lucky a/ the battery died in the main street of Yankas, b/ the battery didn't toast my arse, c/ there was a kind local who secured the bike overnight (for a few bottles of wine), d/ a good mate who went out of his way drive me down and haul the bike onto his ute, and e/ the fab lads on the ride who stayed to help me out and drown my sorrows in the pub while my mum came to collect me :)

Many thanks, Dave, Phil & Michael! Cheers. I guess that camaraderie & support is what the club is all about. Why not come out for a ride and experience it for yourself?

Jerome





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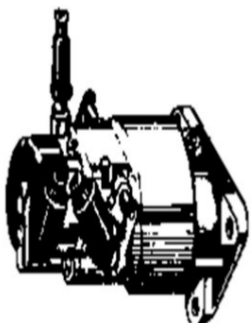
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# Norton Calendar 2022

## Norton Club Ride Calendar 2022

(Stands up @ 10am)

Date	Captain	Ride	Start Point	
17th April	Murray	TBD	TBD	
15th May	Jerome	Goolwa	Basecamp Café	541 Glynburn Rd Burnside
19th Jun	Murray	TBD	TBD	
17th July	Jerome	Mannum	Basecamp Café	541 Glynburn Rd Burnside
21st August	Murray	TBD	TBD	
18th Sep	Jerome	Mannum	Basecamp Café	541 Glynburn Rd Burnside

### Upcoming Events

13th April 2022 - All British Day - Cancelled



Wanted.

Does anyone have a set of wanted 1957 Model 19S F&R Mudguards? We had a message from Alex from NSW looking to complete his project. If you do or know someone who does, give him a call on [awschuld@gmail.com](mailto:awschuld@gmail.com) or 0417297774. Always good to help another bike on the road.

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**

