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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:
Club rides**





Presidents-Blurb

Donald Hosier

Dear Members,

G'Day members! I've sat down to write this as it has started raining while I was outside painting the house. Aw shucks, what a bummer! Although it also means I'm not out for a ride, which really is a bummer.

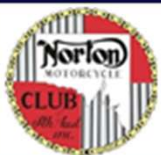
April was rather quiet in the local motorcycle scene, so was most of May until the weekend of the 21st and 22nd. That Saturday saw a fairly large auction at Scammell's with the Phil and Ollie Reeves BSA collection going up for sale. There were many other bikes as well, however only one Nor-ton, a plunger ES2 outfit fresh outta the shed which sold for \$17k. There were the usual unpredictable prices you find at auctions, with a 1966 Hon-da CB450 Black Bomber going for a whopping \$18k, while a nicely pre-sented Harley WLA only fetching \$20k. There were heaps of parts lots, also bringing a wide range of prices. The staff at Scammells Auctions did a great job and managed to gather a great variety of machines, parts, garagenalia, and ephemera. Keep an eye out for their next motorsports auction in July. event is now in its tenth year, with Adelaide again hitting above its weight by raising over \$75k! Several NMCSA members were there including myself, Dave and Leslie R, Dave M, John O, and Dave A, all the way from Hind-marsh Island. Speaking of Dave A., he was a most gracious host for yours truly down on the island. My family and were spending Easter down there and Dave invited me over for a shed session. Expecting to enjoy a bever-age or two, I rode my treadly over to his beautiful property where he firstly offered me a ride on his Dominator! What a beautiful machine, and I thoroughly enjoyed a ride along a coastal road, the plunger frame and sprung seat comfortably soaking up the bumps. On the way back the bike seemed to have lost the ability to accelerate, and upon returning we found the left foot peg had moved down and was depressing brake lever. The smell was undeniable. Doh!



The rest of the evening was spent regaling tall tales, singing along to the hiss of 1970's cas-sette tapes, drinking a fair few tinnies, and admiring beautiful motorcycles in various states of assembly. The bicycle ride in the pitch black to the holiday rental was a bit of an adventure, I tells ya! The smell was undeniable. Doh! The rest of the evening was spent regaling tall tales, singing along to the hiss of 1970's cas-sette tapes, drinking a fair few tinnies, and admiring beautiful motorcycles in various states of assembly. The bicycle ride in the pitch black to the holiday rental was a bit of an adventure, I tells ya!

On a final note, a bit of an exciting project is about to start for me. After using a borrowed WD16H as trail bike and commuter in Toronto for a season over 20 years ago, I am finally on my way to building my own! I have ac-quired an engine and gearbox, plus and a few other bits and bobs from a fellow member. So the search for the rest begins!

Donald



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Norton

Norton DGR



Hey folks,

As some of you may know, I had prostate cancer about 5 years ago and so far so good. When I went to the specialist clinic for biopsies I saw young families there with Dads who were in their late thirties/early forties, as well as old farts like myself, and saw the emotional pain on not only their faces but their wives and families as well. Wives who were losing their loved husband and kids who were going to grow up not having a Dad anymore. It gutted me.



C'mon tell me, does the hat clash with the commando?

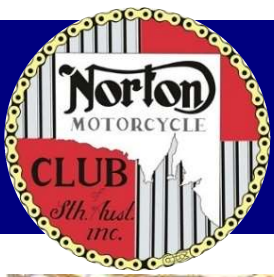


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Jphn Oakes Commando, Carolyn Wade





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these causes by donating what you can for this meaningful cause and to help the men we love, live happier and healthier lives.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was founded in Sydney, Australia, by Mark Hawwa. It was inspired by a photo of TV Show Mad Men's Don Draper astride a classic bike and wearing his finest suit. Mark decided a themed ride would be a great way of connecting niche motorcycle enthusiasts and communities.

<http://www.gentlemansride.com/>

Dave.

Atilla, The Pres, Leslie and Molly

Please, if you can, donate to this cause as like so many diseases it rips people and families apart in a cruel way.

Now on with the official blurb :-)

On Sunday the 22nd May 2022, we teamed g up to ride in The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride with fellow men and women across the globe to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer and men's mental health on behalf of Movember. Men die on average 6 years earlier than women and for largely preventable reasons. The number of men that are suffering is growing, and we need to do something about that. So, before we press our tweed and polish our boots, we are asking you to join us in raising funds and awareness for





Rides

Con, Phil Allen and my self met at Cafe Montagna Blackwood. Around 10.15 we headed up Acklands Hill Rd and then on to Mylor and Echunga. Then up the hill and on to the Bugle Ranges Rd, down to Macclesfield, up to the Strathalbyn Rd to the Wistow Bakery.

No rain as yet and a few sunny breaks. After coffee we headed down the Wellington Rd (this road is a 100 KPH Rd with nice sweeping corners) through Woodchester, Callington, Kanmantoo and eventually turning off to Brukunga. From there we headed towards Woodside and along Ridge Rd that has several new houses now as a result of the Cudlee Creek fire.

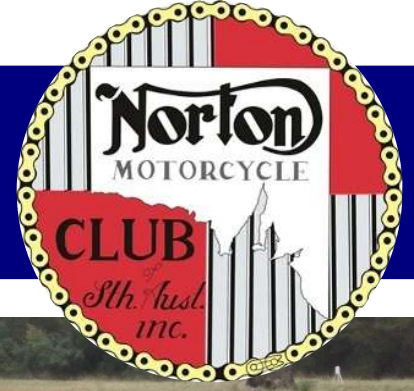
From there we headed to Mt Torrens and finally Mt Pleasant for lunch at the Bakery. We had a great day, around 200 Kilometres, no mechanical failures and the worlds problems solved. It did rain on the way home but not much.

If you're thinking about going on a Club ride, plan a bit ahead, make the time and do it! Today was excellent!

Neil



Norton Champions



AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC CHAMPIONSHIP APRIL 1-3 2022

Hey folks,

I thought after all the postponements etc. that have happened I had better my skinny butt over to Mac Park for this special meeting.

What a fantastic weekend it was! Apart from the abundance of really great machinery and racing, great weather and good food [and the occasional drink :-)] in some of The Mounts eateries, it was a good chance to catch up with people not seen since this pandemic started.

It all started early on Friday morning when I met up with two other reprobates, being Kim Anderson (1972 Moto Guzzi V7) and Dan Moriarty (Moto Guzzi LeMans Mk2 I believe), at the Tailem Bend Shell servo for a quick breakfast and coffee. Another body was there, whose name I unfortunately can't remember, who just came along for the ride out and was then headed back to the Big Smoke.

The Three Amigos, having sated their hunger, bladders etc. took off at intermediate speed being careful to avoid Mr. Plod as there were not many licence points to share around between us!

We took the boring route to Keith for lunch, which was excellent, and more coffee. If your going through Keith stop in to "Henry and Rose" cafe' which is were we had lunch, good food and coffee.

We then headed off to Mount Gambier via Padthaway and Naracoorte with a quick stop at Penola for an Ale and more coffee for some.

Getting into The Mount about 4pm, Kim and Dan headed out to the track as they were camping and I headed for my digs in the town. After getting divested of my gear and having a quick chat to some other riders who were staying at the same place I took off for the track to catch up.

As I wandered around I spotted familiar faces and machinery everywhere, I think everyone had the same idea about getting to this meeting 'cause there hasn't



been too much on the racing calendar for a while.

After watching some qualifying, ogling machinery and catching up with folks Kim informed us that he had booked a restaurant in town so I headed to my digs to clean up my act and meet with the boys for dinner.

"Wild Ginger" Thai restaurant, which luckily for me was just down the hill from where I was camped, was were we met and, as usual, Kim had a bottle of very nice Red on the table to be shared. Being one of his own Tempranillo range it went down well, as usual :-).

After a nice meal and conversation we headed to the corner pub for a nightcap or two. I grabbed some beers for us, and the pub has a good range of craft beers, but Kim already had his eye one finding us an exotic whisky, which I for one was not going to knock back. I mean I was going to knock it back but I wasn't going to knock it back...if you know what I mean? Anyway after an ale or two and a nice Japanese whisky we all meandered off to our digs, the boys on their bikes back to the track, and me on my legs up the hill to mine. Thankfully the hill wasn't too steep and too long!

Saturday morning came and Kim had been trying to reach me to let me know they were in town for breakfast at the Sorrento Cafe, once again just around the corner from my digs, thoughtful bloke! I finally got the message and promptly jumped on the Old



Grey Mule (Moto Guzzi Stelvio) to meet up with them. Not knowing where the Cafe was I tried to follow Kims direction and promptly rode miles more than I needed to! (My fault not his.) Anyway I found the place after doing a U turn and backtracking a mile or so and settled down to a sumptuous brekky which I couldn't finish. I'm not a big breakfast eater and I think my eyes were bigger than my belly on this occasion but good old mate Kim helped me out and finished it for me :-). Onto the track for another day of good weather and great racing. A small amount of drizzle for a few minutes to make things honest on the track and then good weather for the rest of the weekend meant racing was up there with the best. There were a couple of get offs with a couple of unlucky competitors being carted off to hospital with broken ribs and punctured lungs but that was about it. I did talk to one sidecar passenger who caught her arm under the chair but luckily only required ice and probably some painkillers.



Another day of great racing and socialising and then out for dinner... again!

Kim had picked out an Italian restaurant this evening and had brought along a friend he had run into at the track. Bugger me, as with the rider from Tailem Bend, I can't remember his name either!

The restaurant, Cafe Belgiorno, served up some pretty decent food from their menu and if you're into good wine they also have a good wine list in which we indulged, moderately :-)

After another good evening and conversation we all parted ways again to meet up on Sunday morning.

Sunday arrives and Kim and Dan had been into town for breakfast again but I missed the call so went out to the track and caught up there. My breakfast wasn't as flash as theirs but it did the job. Coffee wasn't good as it came from an automatic machine that nobody seemed to know how to operate. Luckily not long after a proper coffee van showed up and were flooded with orders, including mine...ya gotta have GOOD coffee...especially in the morning! More wandering around, camera in hand, and more great racing.



Unfortunately her partner, who garnered another passenger for Sunday had a bad get off and was one of the two who was hospitalised.

Poor buggers had come all the way from W.A. to compete, and probably would have gone onto Victoria for their meetings, fell victim to rotten luck. I offered to help her with packing up etc. but other competitors were already organised to load up the outfit and hookup the caravan etc. That's what fellow racers do when the s..t hits the fan, great to see.

Back to the track. I wandered around, camera in hand, to see what shots I could get from different areas of the track and have a look at some the custom machinery that had been ridden out there. It's good to be able to get around Mac Park because there are some great spots to observe from.

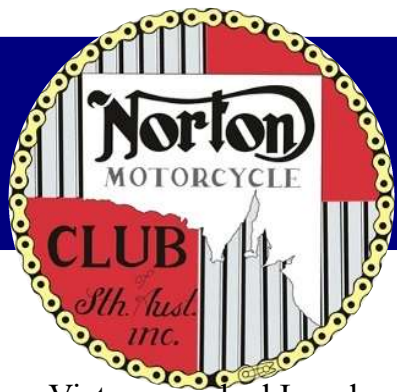
Kim and Dan packed up in the afternoon to head back to Adelaide because of commitments so I caught up with Bruce Linnell, a bike mag journalist, who I have met a couple times beforehand, a great bloke.

He had come down to drop off a large panoramic photo for the club-rooms riding his late model Indian, an FTR I recall, with it strapped to the seat. We had a bit of a chat and knowing he had been to

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Norton MAC

Vietnam, as had I, and written an article about the trip I asked for the full length version of it which never got printed in the bike mags he writes for. The mag version was cut to the bone and not representative of the whole article which is well worth a read.

I didn't hang around for trophy presentation because it went into the night and there are a sh..load of roos around waiting to jump out in front of Old Grey Mules and give their riders a heart attack!

Back to the Italian cafe for a pizza and beer, good Australian dinner, and then camp for the night.

A leisurely cruise back home through Lucindale with a good ride away from main roads and a great place for breakfast at the Lucindale Deli and Cafe'. Onto more back-roads to Kingston SE for a fuel stop and then to Salt Creek for a coffee, and muffin I was forced to partake in by one the owners! Since the Salt Creek store shut down a couple of years ago there has not been anywhere to stop to have a coffee etc. Mandell Tiver and his Wife have remedied that by opening a coffee caravan on their property next to the old store and what a welcome sight it is to be able to pull in, stretch the legs and have a drink and/or feed. Well done you folks! Give them a call on 0407978985 if you're heading that way to see if they're about.

On down the boring stretch that is the Coorong road with eyes wide open as I spotted a dead fallow deer and other wildlife on the roadside. In all the years I have travelled this stretch of road I have never seen a deer but a mate who is a keen hunter told me he has got some very good specimens from not only his property near Kingston but also around this neck of the woods.

For me the scenery doesn't happen until you hit the salt pans/coast itself with some pretty good spots to stop and get some good photos.

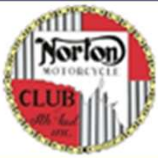
On toward Policemans Point, that coincidentally is also open for meals etc., and up to Meningie. I didn't stop here because the town was flooded with tourists and the wait to get served would have been a bit more than I was prepared to do.



Onwards to the Wellington ferry as I live down Goolwa way, but the holiday line up would have meant at least a two hour wait as it was swamped with caravans. I kept on the main highway and took the Callington turnoff to have some fun through the mildly twisty bits to Strathalbyn and then down to Ashbourne. I would normally stop in for a stout or two but as this was Monday the pub was shut and so I headed off for home down the tail end of the Bull Creek road toward Goolwa. This is still a fun bit of road and even the bit between the end of Bull Creek and Goolwa is good....at the right speeds:-) Finally pulled into my driveway and parked up in the shed. I left the gear on the bike, wandered up to the house and poured myself a pint of stout. As I sat out on the deck/verandah I thought to myself, what a lucky man I am! Had a great weekend with some great people, watched and heard some great racing on machinery that I love, had a great ride through some wonderful scenery and met some interesting people and their bikes.

Let the Good Times roll! :-)

Dave (Junior) Lorincz



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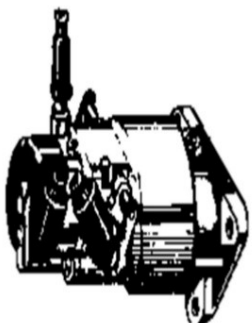
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Norton Club Ride Calendar 2022

(Stands up @ 10am)

Date	Captain	Ride	Start Point	
17th June	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 June 2022 - All British Day - Cancelled

!!!!!! Logbook renewals for 2022/23 !!!!!!!

Reminder to all members with Logbooks - please ensure you renew your Club Membership prior to June 30th and get your Logbook stamped for the new financial year .
If your book needs replacing it will cost you \$5. Please present your old logbook at the time.

Logbooks are valid to 30th June each financial year . If your membership is not paid up by 30th June , your Club rego is not valid. The Club is required to notify the Govt of Logbook holders whose Memberships lapses more than 2 months in arrears , which may result in you losing rights to the Club Rego scheme .

There will be no logbook processing at the July meeting - its our AGM. You will be too busy vying for votes to be elected to one of the Committee positions up for grabs.

Logbooks can be updated at other monthly meetings or by Post to one of the Club Registrars. Please call Ian or Dave if you wish to arrange this.

All rides start at 10am unless otherwise noted.

Calendar is prepared in advance & is subject to change.

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