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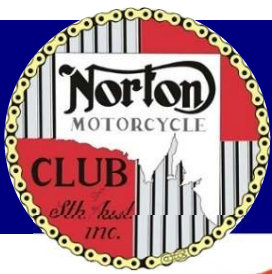
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But don't stop there, this newsletter is about
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If you're complaining that there's only commandos in these issues and your international needs more limelight then send over some pictures. Just make sure you submit it with a story.

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Presidents-Blurb

Donald Hosier



Sellicks beach

Great event with at least three NMCSA members racing !!

All have won trophies before - so come along - support them and this great event and have a fantastic day or two days at Sellicks !

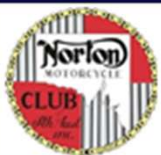
The event supports the Surf Lifesaving Club, Scouts and the local Community and traders. The City of Onkaparinga (Naming rights Sponsor for 2023) and the Sellicks Beach Historic Motorcycle Races Committee (Motorcycling SA and Levis Motorcycle Club) present two exciting days of beach races on the beautiful Silver Sands Beach.

Showcasing an inclusive rider field on solos and side car motorcycles all built before 1963. This event is family friendly and fully catered (by Aldinga Bay Surf Lifesaving Club and local vendors).

Parking is on Norman Road with a gold coin donation to the Scouts and a free shuttle bus to the venue. The venue is a fully inclusive site.

Meet and greet each day at 9:30 for ticket holders with the riders and their machines before they rev their engines and race down the beach around the barrel and back like they did in 1922. Gates open at 9:00 and the day ends at 5:00pm.

Leaving you plenty of time to experience the beautiful Fleurieu hospitality each night.



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Norton Show



Norton Club Ride.
December 10th.
Ride Captain - Dave Meldrum.

A quick turn around for this ride and on a Saturday. Meet up at the Evanston GTR at 10 O'Clock A beautiful day 32 degrees and not a cloud in the sky 8 bikes out today. 7 Nortons and a Triumph. Con's 650ss and 6 Commandos. Start out with a slow ride through Gawler Heights. Our journey then went past Cockatoo Valley Lyndock and up past the Grant Burge winery. Here we got to do a bit of off roading and we even had a couple of water crossings. We then went through Bethany and into Angaston the back way.

Dave was doing a fine job as ride leader (apart from some dodgy indicating) and we were even doing the corner marshal thing correctly.

A quick drink and a bite to eat at the Sunrise bakery and plenty of chat about bike stuff. Here's a question for everyone to have a crack at. How many Norton motorcycles are there in South Australia? That's from 1901 to the present. Con says about 2000 , I reckon 600. Does anybody know anybody that works at the motor reg' dept?

Anyway off we go. Winding our way through the Barossa Valley and ending up at Menglers Hill and on to Eden Valley / Springton and the Lovells bakery at Mount Pleasant for more refreshments That's when we finished the ride, said Merry Christmas to everyone and went our separate ways.



Eddie Having a

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All in all a great day was had and thanks again to Dave Meldrum for being the ride captain. Hopefully we can keep the numbers up on the club rides as the weather continues to improve Cheers Peter. Ride co-ordinator.

Foot note: After the ride was concluded I was heading home and between Mt. Pleasant and Birdwood I was knocked off my bike by a kangaroo, at 1.30 in the afternoon. A bit of damage to the bike and 3 broken bones in my right foot. Quite lucky apparently. Big Thanks to Barry Miller for dropping everything and coming to pick me and my broken bike up and dropping me home. Cheers Mate. Peter





Day at the Races

A DAY (or two) AT THE RACES

(with apologies to the Marx Brothers)

Over the 2022 Xmas-New Year Kim Anderson, Kims' mate Colin and myself went down to Mount Gambiers fantastic Mac Park race circuit to partake and witness the SA Historic Championships for Period 2 to 6 motorcycles. Kim had also taken his Moto Guzzi V7/LeMans hybrid to do a track day on the Friday preceding the actual race meeting.

Kim was very happy with the performance of his bike telling us its the best it has ever run!

Kim was bringing the "Taj Mahal" of tents along to accommodate us all but as I arrived a lot earlier I put up my own tent as it was getting on towards dark when Kim and Colin arrived.



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Team Guzzi at Mac Park

Friday Kim was out on track and the Guzzi was sounding magnificent with open megas and roaring around. He was holding 3rd or 4th gear for most of the circuit and only changing up for the back straight. What a lovely symphony of sound! A few people came over to have a look at the bike as it was the only Guzzi there and none to race the weekend, pity. Dave Duffy #100 usually races his but I think it is out of period for the Historics.

Friday evening comes around and Colin prepared the best Paella I've had for a long time. Out with the camp stove and on goes the paella pan (yes folks



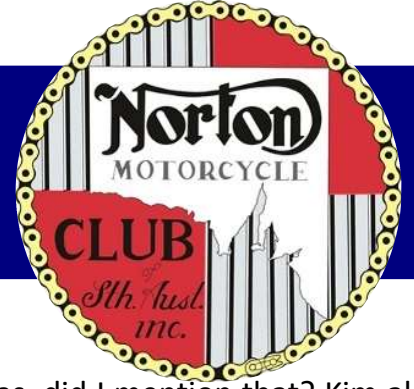
we are talking professional cookery here!) after making a seafood stock out of the prawn heads etc. There were calamari, prawns and chorizo all swimming around in that pan along with proper Arborio rice to make a super tasty Paella that was washed down with some of Kims Tempranillo Red. Ya got to do it tough sometimes :-)

Saturday awoke to the sound of engines revving and people getting organised for a day of great racing. Kim was on pit duties, announcing races as they were to come up, so competitors knew when they were racing, so he left camp early while Colin and myself had a more relaxed start to the day.

As the day proceeded and racing started Kims' dulcet voice could be heard booming out advice over the PA in the pits issuing instructions to be followed if competitors wanted to be out on track in the right event. He kept this up for the entire weekend which is a good effort as, apart from 18 qualifying events on Saturday, there were also 40 race events over the two-day meeting, well done Kim!

For those of you who know Loose Bruce (a bike magazine journalist of many, many years) he was also there, and we had a bit of a chat. I ran into him a couple of times over the weekend, and he was always busy chatting with somebody. He's a well-known bloke.

Norton Races



Colin and I kept ourselves amused wandering around the circuit and pits ogling the great machinery that was on show and chatting with the riders, some of whom I know and others that became new friends. One in particular was #155, Dave Lommon who, although riding street bikes has never raced I believe but was starting his career on a 750 WLA handshift Harley. Well done to him!



Dave Lommon (Harley) leads Brian March (Indian Scout)

British bikes were there in droves and there were some tasty ones to be seen. One that caught my eye was a beautifully prepared and engineered Norton Atlas running methanol. It had new Mikuni carbs but as it was running methanol I suspect it needed more fuel than the standard float bowls could deliver so they engineered them to suit adding two additional chambers to each carby.

Saturday night we took off into town to hopefully find a restaurant that wasn't booked out. We originally were going to an Italian place called "Belgiorno" which we have been to on previous visits but they were on holidays so ended up going across the street to a Mexican place called "Casa de Tequila" run by Italians I think! Yes the tequila was good but never order a frozen one as it takes hours for the bugger to melt so you can enjoy it! My main was average but the entrees were great.

So were the tequilas, did I mention that? Kim also brought along a couple of his wines to enjoy with our meals, so we did :-). Meanwhile back at camp competitors were having a quiet New Years as all were racing the next day and surprise drug and alcohol tests are sometimes done, and who wants to race not knowing if the guy who's about to carve you up in a corner is sober or not.

Sunday dawned (as it does on a Sunday) and once again Kim was off to pit duties and Colin and I were left to our own devices to go wandering and take in the sights and sounds of another day of wonderful Historic racing. Wandering around I bumped into friends from interstate and SA catching up on lost 'phone numbers and addresses as people, including myself, had shifted and/or lost contact over time. It was like old home days as Covid had hit all forms of recreational pursuits and not too many race meets had been held for a while. This one was really well attended with entries from all over Australia. I came down for the Australian Historics in April and competitors came from as far afield as WA to Queensland to compete such is the love of the older bikes.

All to soon the racing day had come to an end and it was time for the award ceremony and a cooling ale or three as it had been a hot day and if you were dressed in leathers all day you really needed re-hydrating to the max! And they did!

Methanol Carby Alterations



Awards presented, people mosied away to there digs or someone elses to relax and continue packing or chatting and chill out for the evening. Colin and Kim had to get back to Adelaide so we packed up and off they went into the fast approaching darkness. As I was staying another night I myself took off into town to dine at that world famous eatery MacDonalds. Sometimes I have absolutely no respect for my body! I took dinner back to camp and chilled out with an ale to wash down the rubbish I had just subjected my stomach to and chatted to a past neighbour of mine from the Hills who was racing over the weekend and who I had camped next to not knowing he was there. Like I said, it was like old home days. Great:-)

Monday morning dawned quietly with no-one seemingly in a hurry to get on the road. I packed up and loaded the bike (the Stelvio this time) and decided to have breakfast in Penola as it's always welcoming and has good food. When I got to Penola everything was shut..... except for the Windara bakery. I was really after a cooked breakfast but as my usual brekky place was not open I went to the only place open, the bakery, and though it was very busy the girls

thoughtfully offered to make me toasted sandwiches to go with their great coffee, which was greatly appreciated by me. As I was waiting for my order a lovely older Lady approached and asked about my bike. Apparently her first husband, who had unfortunately died 9 years ago, had loved his bikes and his passion was shared by her. She shared how they had gone on trips etc. and how she loved being on the back of a bike with all the freedom and rawness of it. She also shared the fact that she had married again two years ago but this bloke didn't share her passion and so she was only riding a quad bike herding the sheep these. Better than nothing I suppose?

Back on the road again (I love Willie Nelson) and heading to Naracoorte, Willalooka and then Keith for a coffee and snack before the final leg home. A nice cruise but the ferries at Wellington and Jervois (Taillem Bend) had shut down so down the boring freeway to the Callington turn off and onto Strathalbyn. Then take the Ashbourne road to the Greenman Inn, (which unfortunately is not open on Monday!) and onto Hindmarsh Island and home. I'll unpack the bike tomorrow 'cause it's a warm day and I can hear an ale calling:-)

Happy Trails, Dave Lorincz :-)



Norton Atlas

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Hi everyone.

Another excellent turn out last Sunday morning.

We had 8 members leave from Blackwood, 5 Nortons, 1 BMW, 1 Royal Enfield and a Moto Guzzi. Special mention to Eddy for making the trip from Tea tree Gully. Sounds like a great day was had by all and we met up with a few Members on the way.

Well done to Donald for being the club captain for the day and not Getting lost once!

Through the southern hills with a petrol stop at the BP Mount Compass at approximately 11:15.

From there, the long way through the twisty stuff to Strathalbyn where we'll enjoy a pub feed at the Commercial Hotel at 27 High St,



Strathalbyn. While we're stuffing our faces we can discuss where to go, what to do next, including sauntering across the street to check out Gilberts Motor Museum and possibly checking out Collectable Classic Cars & Bikes if we so wish. Back on the road, if any of us are left, and meander through the Hills again, perhaps a stop for another beverage.

Next ride is set for February and we do not have a ride captain yet. Our next club meeting is coming up on the 6th of February so Hopefully someone will step up.

It doesn't take much , just a bit of planning and half a day out of Your weekend and you can get to go on some of your favourite roads Followed by all your club mates. You don't even need to be on a Norton.

See you at the Velo club.
Cheers Peter.

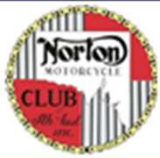


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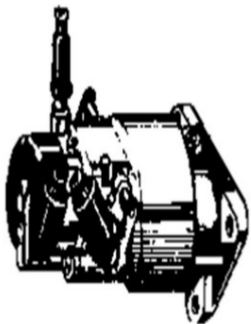
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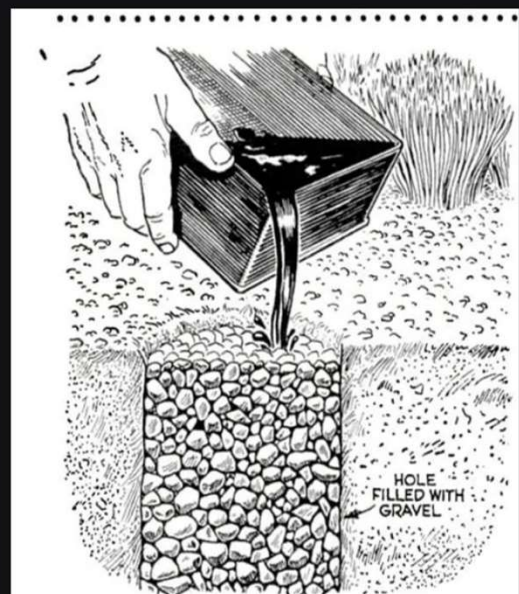
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Norton Calendar 2023

Norton Club Ride Calendar 2023

(Stands up @ 10am)

| Date | Captain | Ride | Start Point |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 19 th Feb | Maybe You! | Wherever you want | Wherever you fancy |
| 19 th Mar | Maybe You! | Wherever you want | Wherever you fancy |
| 16 th Apr | Maybe You! | Wherever you want | Wherever you fancy |

Upcoming Events

5th March 2023 - All British Day - Echunga

2nd April 2023 - British Motorcycle Day - Balhannah

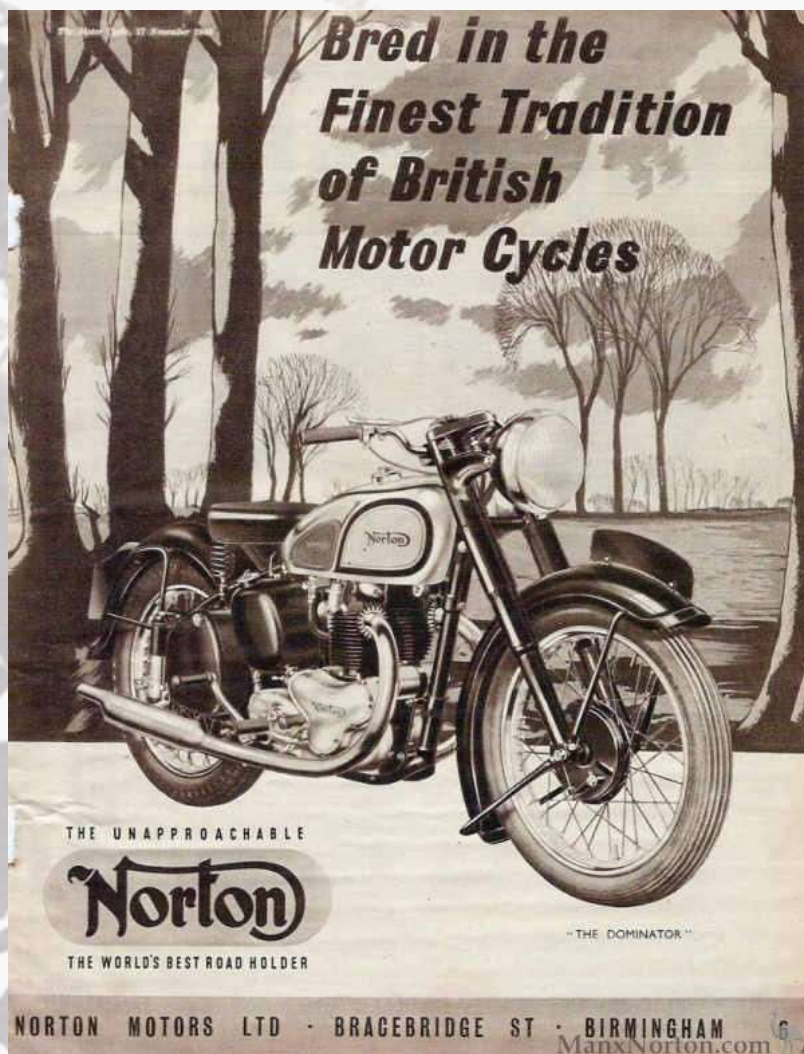
The British Motorcycle Day at Balhannah will be held on Sunday, April 2nd.

Last year was bloody excellent, with a tremendous array of Nortons at our Club display.

The organisers are asking for gate and parking volunteers. This would be an hour of your time to help out with taking entry fees and/or directing participants to their respective areas. Can we get some of you to put your hands up?

Please let me know ASAP and so I can forward your name to event committee.

Don



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

