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to The Distinguished
Gentleman's Ride**

Owen shears his axle

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in the shed**



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

If you just want to have a picture of your bike in print, or a shot of the latest mod or repair, send it in! Supply as much info as you can and I'll do the rest. Look at Dave Meldrum's comparison of the different Commando tanks in issue #93. A passing observation in the shed filled a whole page and gives great perspective on different options for someone's bike.

Cover photo:

That's one handsome devil! Too bad about the bloke standing in front of it.



EL PRESIDENTE

Despite confirmed sightings at the Balhannah Swapmeet, El-Presidente is still MIA. I think he may be recovering from 2 months overseas. We'll hear from Con soon, I'm sure.

Watch this space...



Hello Readers,

There is movement at the station, so to speak. After more than a year of little to nought going on with my 71 Roadster, work has commenced once again. Despite the overwhelming urge to ride the Norton, I still found myself finding more excuses to hang out with my 3 year old instead of working in the shed, which isn't a bad thing I suppose. But enough is enough, my daughter will not like a daddy who hasn't ridden his motorcycle in too long. I needed help, but more importantly, I needed a kick up the arse. So I swallowed my pride and sent an email out to some Club members asking for assistance. Our Club Captain answered the call and we set a date. He came over one day after work just to assess the situation first, see what needed doing etc. Before I knew it however, we had the old bike strung up from the rafters and the entire rear end out. Later that evening my wife came to have a look and wondered why it was in more bits than before, "I thought you were supposed to be putting the bloody thing back together!" My attempts at explaining the Isolastics system fell on deaf ears. Since then, and with a renewed confidence and vigour, I've managed to sneak away to the shed a few nights here and there, getting small details done before Owen rocks up on the 18th of October for the official working bee. My entry is going in for the All British Day in Feb, and I'm hoping to get quite a few rides in before then.

Speaking of the ABD, entries close November 16th! The NMCSA has really stepped up and provided a good number of much needed volunteers for the February 14th event. February 14th? That date sounds important for some reason...

The Ed,

D. Hosier

General Events 2015

- 31/10/15 MRA Quiz Night in support of Cheryl and Kerry. Velocette club rooms. BYO supper, bar will be open. \$10/person, make up a table of 6-8. Contact Cathy for bookings on 0408 853 380
- 22/11/15 Picnic At The Mill - Celebrating National Motor Museum's 50th Anniversary. Car displays, 60's live music, food vans and kids activities. For more info check www.nationalmotormuseum.com.au
- 14/2/16 All British Day - Echunga Recreation Grounds. A Norton Motorcycle Club of SA favourite. Entries close November 16th! For more info go to www.allbritishday.com



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The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride - September 27th

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is a charity event to raise money for mens prostate cancer research, it is held on the same date worldwide in 58 countries and 257 cities, last year 20,000 riders raised 1.5 million dollars. The idea is to ride your special motorcycle in 'dapper attire', and the bikes eligible are along the lines of café racer, bobber, chopper, or classic. Adelaide's ride started in the heart of the city at Ebenezer place, roughly 150 bikes turned out in perfect weather with all sorts of beautiful machinery in attendance and some riders really 'turning on' the Dapper apparel. Our club was well represented by Mr Paul Knapp, looking splendid in matching sport and waist coat with a fob watch chain and gentleman's cap. He looked quite a sight while riding his restored 60's Triumph bonny (shame it wasn't the ES2 Paul). The large group split into two and slowly wound its way around the city suburbs, a coffee stop in the leafy eastern side of town then down along to the beach and back to Ebenezer place for a well-earned liquid refreshment and talk over the morning's gathering.



Paul K lookin' dapper as all get out! Though a beautiful machine, Paul, I reckon the ES2 would've been a far better choice.

I have supported this event twice out of the three years it has been going and I find the atmosphere to be very friendly and laid back and it's getting bigger ever year. The first run had approximately 35 riders, the second 60 this one 150, and the type and quality of bikes that turn up in sleepy old Adelaide always amazes me. The turn out of classic type motorcycles on a day when the Bay to Birdwood run on was also a surprise, it's a real pity the two rides clash and it is hard to pick which one to support! For me, a fundraiser for cancer research has the edge. As usual, I have taken photos of bikes and not of some of the 'Distinguished Gents', but if you need a good laugh and have the use of a computer it's worth a look on YouTube. Better still, next year make a donation, polish up the good old Norton, dress to impress and ride Dapper!!

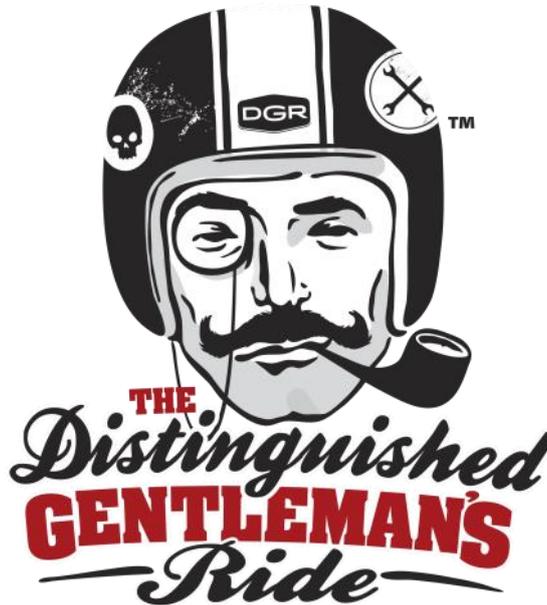
Dave M



Is that a Commando engine in the Featherbed, resplendent in alloy number plates, petrol and oil tanks?
And Craig Vetter's 1970's masterpiece, Triumph X75 Hurricane

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Events



Some beautiful bikes come out for the DGR. Clockwise from top left: A KSS Velo, Yam SR500 with HUGE Laverda front brake, BSA (ZB Goldstar?), a touring Guzzi, Rocket 3, another Goldstar! And finally, another great shot of our very own Distinguished Gentleman, Paul K



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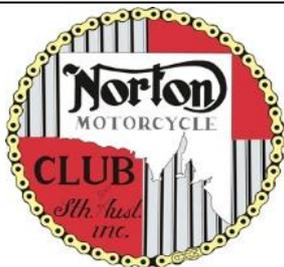
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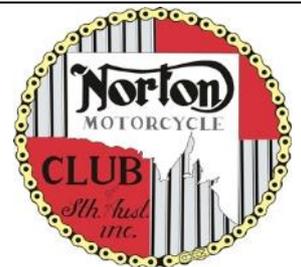


Illustrated guide to some of the bikes welcome at The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride



Have you got your ear to the ground? Got a firm grasp on the Norton grapevine? Whatever the news, if it's Norton related, we want to know. New parts available, Australian classic racing campaigns, what have you. Contact us with the story, and pics if available.

Send your info to the Editor at editor@nmsa.org



The Barossa Ride - 16th August 2015

A bit of a scrappy ride report for August's ride - sorry about the photo quality (shutterbuggery is not one of my strengths!!)

Attendees:

Greg (on red 850 Commando - very shiny).

Murray (on Ducati Monster- his Mk3 Commando is undergoing major surgery)

Luke (a non member - pal of Murray's - on Kawasaki KLR)

Dave Y (that's me, on JPN paint scheme 850 Commando - not shiny, in fact, filthy)

At 8:30 I arrived at the Golden Fleece Hotel, in case anyone arrived for breakfast, but as Owen and John H were both on the Black Dog Ride, nobody did.

At about 9:30 I meandered down to the Shell Servo, where shortly after, Murray arrived on his Ducati with his pal, Luke.

I was feeling a bit outnumbered, Norton wise, till Greg arrived on his red 850 Roadster.

After a considerable amount of BSing, a committee meeting was held and a decision made to head off to the Williamston bakery - only a 20mins or so ride, but after all the BSing and decision making, coffee and associated bakery wares were in high demand.

Another lengthy BS session ensued, after which, Greg led us through a very nice backroad route to Angaston, where we realised that it was midday, which, of course, meant lunch!! Another committee meeting was held to determine which bakery deserved our custom. The Sunrise Bakery was duly patronised (I recommend the Steak and Kidney Pie). Another BS session followed, after which we headed, generally, through Nuriootpa, to Gawler with the various riders peeling off towards their home destinations on the way. A fairly short ride, as mileage goes but many, many miles were covered during the several BS sessions. "When all is said and done, more is said than done" or "more is eaten than done?"

Cheers,

Dave York



A 50/50 mix of Norton and non-Norton attended the August ride. Below, one of the many BS sessions that seemed to be particularly popular that day. Dave, if 'shutterbuggery' isn't one of your strengths, exactly what type of 'buggery' is?



The Lakes Ride - 20th September 2015

Official route stats:

Breakfast: Montagna Cafe, 11/10 Coromandel Parade, Blackwood.

Stage 1: Blackwood to Port Elliot = 89 km.

Stage 2: Port Elliot to Strathalbyn = x km. DNF.

Breakfast and/or Ride attendees:

Bill - 850 Commando

Dave Y - 850 Commando

Doug - 850 Commando

Neil - 850 Commando

Owen - 750 Commando

Rick Mc - 850 Commando

Runner - Shank's Pony

8:30am - Blackwood

Six riders (all Commandos) and a running man (sorry, didn't record the name but know the face) arrived for breakfast: some for the food, some for the coffee, all for the Nortons. Donald had intended to make the walk from a few blocks away but his 'alarm' i.e. daughter also slept in. Potential members, Bill and Neil, arrived and chatted about life and Nortons while members also advised of the benefits of club membership. Perhaps we will see them at a future club meetings and rides as they both had alternate arrangements rather than the ride on the day.

10:00am - Stage 1: Blackwood to Port Elliot

The three 850s and my 750 headed south from Blackwood through Chandlers Hill and Clarendon then east to Meadows and south again through Ashbourne and Tooperang. So far so good, the bikes are flowing well through the twists, then curves and then the straightaways. We turn west to Mount Compass which brings us to the Victor Harbor Road for a relatively short southerly sprint to the Crows Nest Road turn-off for the views over Port Elliot from Middleton to Victor Harbor. As we crest the hill, my bike gives a chug so I switch on the reserve tap but at the next corner (now downhill) the back wheel is very definitely 'wobbly'. I stop as quickly as is possible as do the other three riders and put my bike on the centre stand. The threads at the end of the through axle shaft have separated from the shaft itself - most peculiar! A couple of 'big' cable-ties to hold the axle in place and I am ready to attempt to limp home but the 'new' clunking noise with rear wheel rotation is a bit off-putting. Bugga, it is about 12:30pm by this time and the planned lunch stop at the next hotel is looking really shaky.

An RAA Premium membership upgrade prior to a recent 1200 km charity ride is proving to be a wise decision as it allows 50 kms of 'towing' - just the distance from home according to the GPS on my gadget phone. After the call to the RAA is made, Dave, Doug and Rick remain for the afternoon to chat, nip into Port Elliot for some food and drinks and generally make sure all is progressing as re-planned i.e. making sure I am not still on the side of the road when the sun goes down. To-ing and fro-ing phone calls with the RAA switchboard culminates in a specialist bike recovery service (from St. Agnes) collecting my bike and me so I am home by about 5pm. This 'recovery' vehicle is pretty flash as the centre box lowers to ground level once the tailgate is opened. The bike rolls straight in without grunting/balancing up a ramp, to be strapped down prior to the centre box being raised again for transport mode. The owner explains that the concept was developed in Adelaide by a fruit and veg shop owner to allow two pallets to be pallet-trucked in and out of the vehicle at ground level rather than lifted up/down to a traytop or commercial van height.

The clunking sound? The original RHP double ball race fitted to the LH side stub axle had died, then sheared before destroying the through axle shaft at the threads. Luckily, I had spares and all was fixed the next day (and yes, I have checked the grease situation for the front as well as the other rear axle bearings - all is fine. At a guess, this bearing and the grease in it just exceeded their best-before date).

Que sera sera, it could have been worse - I could have been midway between Kingston and Mount Gambier in the rain at night! Thanks again to Dave, Doug and Rick for your concern and assistance when my bike 'failed to proceed'.



Meeting 181

3/ 8/ 15

- OPENING: Vice-President Donald Hosier opened the meeting at 8 pm & welcomed members & friends.
- PRESENT: Donald Hosier, Jason Ward, Dave York, John Hunter, Owen Greenfield, John McNaughton, Neil Gloyn, John Oakes, Steve Richter, Murray Norton, Steve Adkins, Paul Knapp, Dave Rocklyn, Bill.
- MAIL IN: letter from State Library asking for copies of 'Energette'; Barossa Valley Classic Rally October 18th, Nuriootpa Oval, prizes for all age-group motorcycles, plus President's Choice, People's Choice, Committee's Choice, entries by October 9th, bvcmcc@hotmail.com.au, Run leaves Nuri Oval 9.30 am, about 70 Km, BBQ lunch at Oval 12.30, pre-book
- TREASURER: \$480 in; \$60 out; Balance \$2,823.67
- CLUB CAPTAIN: Good weather for river ride, saw plenty of Jap bikes & Italian on the road; Owen went on Black Dog Ride; Dave M will lead Club ride from Golden Fleece Hotel, Gawler, 16th August.
- EDITOR: New 'Energette' out, see Donald, photos wanted, send photos for magazine & website, all contributions welcome.
- HISTORIC REGO: Everything under control
- FEDERATION: Next Fed meeting in 2 weeks; Paul attended Bay to Birdwood Info night, 50 there, 2 on motorcycles, all talk was of cars, Paul gave them an earbashing about lack of motorcycle focus, need to discount cost to enter M/Cs, cars carry lots of passengers, M/Cs carry 1 or 2, same entry cost, all publicity about cars, but on the day the biggest crowd gathers around the M/Cs, the B to B Committee is pondering Paul's pearls of wisdom. Will they actually do something about it?
- GENERAL BUSINESS: Owen has a good video clip worth seeing, will send to Jerome to go on website. Owen recommends Race Bike Services at Lonsdale, Owen is getting them to test many Norton components for improved performance, trying to iron out a flat spot in the throttle, Rare Bikes made throttle response so smooth, Owen is getting some parts 3D-printed, Also testing to improve throttle opening on the Mikuni carb, looking for a part for the Amal; Dave M says he has Amal Premiums & they still cough & splutter; Donald got a \$20 accessory for his Gas Gas carby which took away the flat spot all smooth; Steve went to the Scammells auction, long wait to get to the bikes, a Model 7 went for \$6,000, a Matchless for \$3,000, early '50s Velocette for \$3,500, Norton parts got lots of interest & bids, Dave R recognised a lot of Tex Morton's stuff being sold; Gerry Apthorpe (founding member of Club) turned 80 three weeks ago, can't ride motorcycles anymore – health reasons – he has sold his BSA & Yammie, still has a Commando & a Dommie, wants to sell them, he is an ex-Royal Air Force engineer, his bikes are well cared-for, spares come with the bikes, also selling a lift-stand for motorcycles, 'phone Gerry on 82706203, have a chat & make an offer. The Commando gearbox has just been rebuilt.
- Raffle raised \$39. Owen won a bottle of wine. Meeting closed 8.50 pm.



Dave Y and Owen G's Commandos during the September ride

Meeting 182

7/9/15

- OPENING:** Vice-Pres Donald Hosier opened the meeting at 8 pm & welcomed members & friends & special guest Andy D from Victoria NOC.
- PRESENT:** Bill, Dave York, Owen Greenfield, Richard McCarthy, Peter Sinfield, Tony Gillam, Barry Miller, Donald Hosier, Andy Davenport, Bo Isberg, Steve Richter, Murray Norton, Dave Meldrum, Les Bell, Paul Knapp, Dave Rocklyn, Ian DeLaine, Lyndi, Ricko.
- APOLOGIES:** Con, John Hunter, Jason.
- MAIL IN:** Bay to Birdwood Sept 27th; Nortons at Newstead Sept 26-27, Newstead Racecourse, Vic, weekend of Norton-riding, camping, BBQs; August "Oily Rag" now in Library has Belt Drive alignment & swing-arm & spindle fixes; news from the UK Norton factory: Norton 1200cc V4 road bike now in progress; member subs; Barossa Valley Classic Rally at Nuriootpa October 18th, entries by October 9th.
- MAIL OUT:** reminder letters to 16 members, card to one member.
- CLUB CAPTAIN:** Dave's Norton, Greg's 850, plus a Duke & a Kwaka went to Barossa, many bakeries visited, many pies eaten, very fulfilling ride; next ride to Lakes, meet at Blackwood, Coromandel Parade, ride to Lakes, lunch Pt Elliott, back to Strath; Lyndi & Dave R entered in Bay to Birdwood; Owen went on Black Dog Ride, he was the youngest rider; BSA Club had rally at Glenelg 2 weeks ago, many old BSAs turned out.
- EDITOR:** Next issue October, especially looking for news from your sheds, progress on projects.
- HV:** Everything going smoothly.
- REGALIA:** Bags, caps, stubby-holders, badges all available
- FEDERATION:** Same old stuff about cars, keep your vehicles to standard specs; Bay to Birdwood is fully booked, Sunday Sept 13th Rundle St display of cars pre Bay to Birdwood.
- GENERAL BUSINESS:** Next meeting October 12th (5th a public holiday) – Bill (Sec) an advance apology for that; Historic Bike Race Meet October 9th-11th Mallala, members will ride there, details on website; Murray at BritBikes ("Energette" sponsor), Owen needed parts, Murray very helpful, large range Norton parts, also other British, recommended by Owen; also Owen recommends Tony at Classic Bike Services at Lonsdale; Paul & Dave M going on Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, Sept 27th, "Ride Dapper", laid-back affair, recommended by Dave M.
- Raffle raised \$28 Coffee mug won by Paul Meeting closed 8.30 pm.



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Cheers Stewart Denton-Giles stewartgiles650@gmail.com

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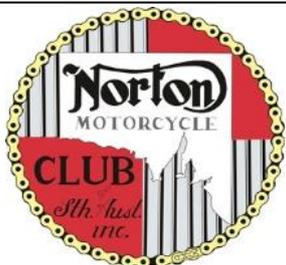
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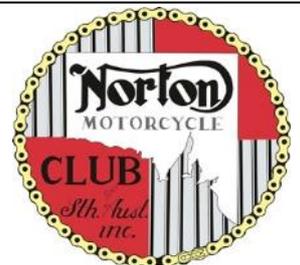
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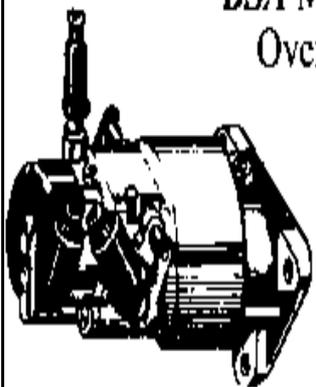
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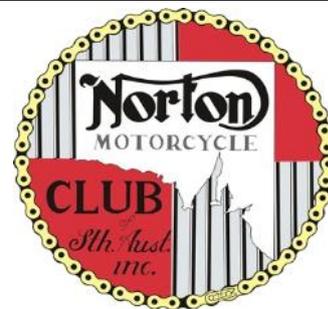
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Ride Calendar 2015



Date/Ride

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Ride @ 10:00am

22nd November
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Hazelwood Park
Cnr Greenhill Rd & Hawthorn Cres
Hazelwood Park

13th December
Southern Ride

Café Buongiorno
93 South Rd
O'Halloran Hill

'Top'O'Taps' Weighbridge
Cnr South Rd & Black Rd
O'Halloran Hill

Ride calendar and maps are also posted on our website www.nmcsa.org



All rides start at 10am unless otherwise noted.

Calendar is prepared in advance &
is subject to change.

Please check club notices in Thursday's Advertiser
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