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NORTON MOTORCYCLE CLUB of SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.  
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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:  
Neil looking serious**





# Presidents-Blurb

## Donald Hosier

Dear Members,

Well, I bet you thought you'd open this issue of The Energette and read about the thrilling AGM in July, with a fresh new committee announced. I bet you thought you'd gone another year without the threat of nomination to do your bit to help the Club. Ha! Covid had other plans, my friends, reducing committee and general members attendance last month to such meagre numbers it was decided to postpone the AGM until August. However, by the time most of you read this, the meeting will be well and truly done.

Moving on, many of us have recently received communication from the All British Day, which was unfortunately cancelled earlier this year, advising that 2023 is going ahead. If you'd paid an entry for 2022, it will be rolled over for next year, also, they will be holding the event a few weeks later than usual, on the first Sunday of March, the 5<sup>th</sup>. This Canadian is more than happy with the date change, it gets bloody hot in February. As usual, I hope to see as many Nortons as possible at the NMCSA display.

March is still a while away, but before then we'll have the Festival Of Motorcycling SA in October. The NMCSA will have a display at the swap meet in Balhannah on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since many of us go to the meet anyway, why not and park up at our marquee while you search for your rusty gold? One or more of will be able to load up your haul of parts in the car and get it to you the next evening at the Club meeting. The rest of the week will be full of a variety of rides and events, check out the full, exciting schedule at [www.fomsa.org](http://www.fomsa.org).

Let's briefly mention Club rides. Our Treasurer, Neil, was the first member to put his hand up to lead a ride, taking on July. Well, winter being winter, members are



often hesitant to brave the cold and wet weather. Last month proved this with only one rider rocking up, that being Neil himself. Eek! Sorry Neil, but thank you for showing such excellent Club spirit. Alright, you lot, Neil's done his bit, put your name down for a Club ride, quick smart!

On the personal Norton front, not much is going on right now, with lots of house painting and kid activities happening. Though I have been helping out member Rob Elliott with his '39 ES2 project, as well as his Adelaide built 1913 Swastika JAP.

Until next time, Nortoneers!

Donald



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**Norton**

# Norton Rides



## “The Shell Run”

With seven people turning out this was a good run (which is a little more than the next run we had in the month with only poor Neil arriving on his own). Anyway, Mount Pleasant didn't live up to it's name as it was cold. Bloody cold. There are certain sections of the road though that seem to be cooler as you ride through, but we're through the darkest days now and heading back to summer so it didn't bother us too much.... But we did have to stop at Mount pleasant for a break to



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*It's not an adventure without a ferry*

Warm up. Anyway, over the hill it did warm up. So on to our usual standard of ride marshalling. Paul left for home as he was freezing with Murray giving him a cheerful wave off. However, none of the other guys knew where he was going so they were dutifully waiting for their lost comrade while Murray sat at the front wondering where everyone else was.

Anyway, Walkers Flat was the only place to top up for fuel and everyone got there, just at different times. So on to the ferry and home. It was a great turn out with three Norton's on the run.



Dicky



# Solo Rides

The Norton was set to go, polished, new 22 tooth gearbox sprocket installed, carburetors balanced and fueled up at Shell Blackwood.

A nice day for a ride, flew down Main road Coromandel Valley, right on to Blacks road through to South road and onto Cafe Buongiorno O'Halloran Hill. Parked in a prominent position, plenty of parking for all the other bikes, it's about 9.20 coffeetime! Quick review of where we are going, the weather's good, happy days. It's now about 9.40, I hear bikes heading my way, they go straight pass, 10 more

Minutes lapse. I'm thinking I know the usual people will turn up right at 10.10 o'clock goes by WTF! Still ... looking on the bright side, there were more Nortons than any other make, it was parked in a prominent, promoted manner and the weather was good! Time to go up Chandlers Hill through to Cherry Gardens down Acklands Hill and back home. Great ride, think I did around 20 kilometers, the new sprocket made a big difference. Luckily nobody got lost or broke down.

Neil



# Norton History



Here are a couple of old photos of my Father in Law (Ken Morton), who's first bike at the age of 17 was a Norton ES2.

He lives in NSW, and was still motorcycling until recently.

Phil



*Ken "Tex" Morton on his 1952 Norton ES2 500 single*



*Just a bunch of guys from Kingsgrove (Sydney) who called themselves The Grovers. Hanging around outside a Milk Bar on a ride to Forster, NSW 1957" On the right of the group is Ken "Tex" Morton on his 1952 Norton ES2 500 single*





Ride captains!!!

This is your chance to help out your Club, please consider putting your hand up.

In regards to Ride Captain and Club rides, we are going to try something different this year.

Instead of having 1 or 2 members plan 12 months of rides, we're asking that all members consider nominating to organise 1 ride over the course of the year. It can be anywhere you want, your favourite local twisties, or perhaps take us on a roundabout route to the pub that makes the best steak sanga you've ever had.

We'll still have an official Ride Captain, or Ride Coordinator, but the idea is that this person will just be the holder of the calendar, while the rest of you lead the rides.

I'd really like to see what could come of this, a whole bunch of fun new roads and ride formats would be great to see. We'll start taking names now, all months are open, you just have to pick one.

Don



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# Club Rego

Dear Club members,

As many of you will be aware the Government has changed the rules, from 30 to 25 year old vehicles eligible for club Registration.

It does not matter in which month it was manufactured, if it is 25 years old on the 1st Jan 2022 it is eligible, so that would be anything before 1997.

The new Code of Practice effective 1-7-2022 has become available. This has been emailed out so if you are interested then take a read.

Please keep in mind that the next meeting in August will most likely include the AGM which didn't happen in July.

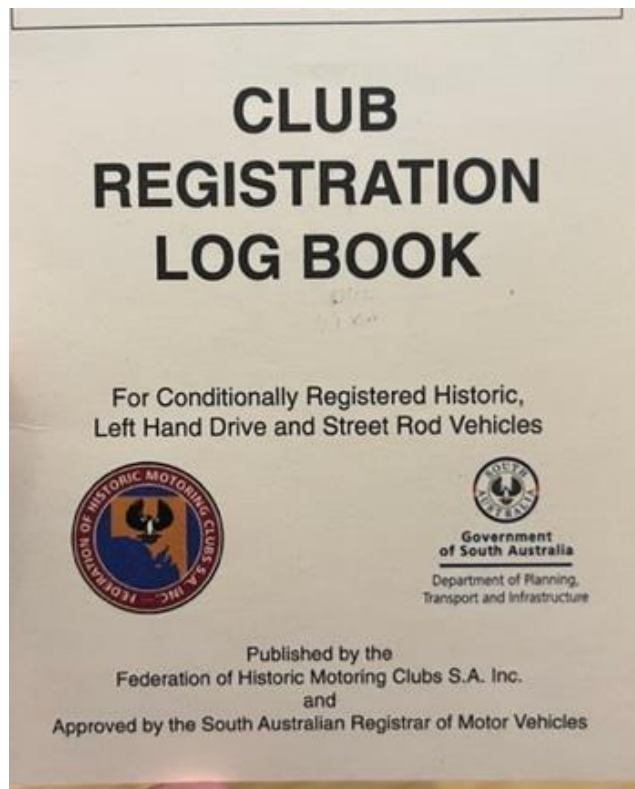
If so, there will be **no** log book signing or MR 334 forms issued.

Regards,

Ian, & Dave.

*So what does historic motorcycling look like now? Here's Kate on a CBR1100XX Super blackbird to show you.*

*C'mon, stop complaining at least it has carbs.*





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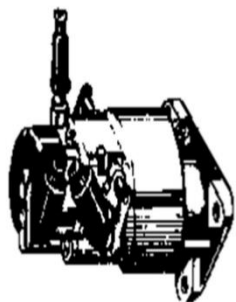
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# Norton Calendar 2022

**September 11<sup>th</sup> - Shannons Collingrove Hillclimb** – Always a great event. Organised by the Atujara MCC.  
[www.atujara.org.au](http://www.atujara.org.au)

**October 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> - Festival Of Motorcycling SA** - swap meet, rides, show & shines, 'Night of Champions'.  
Raising money for the South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute  
[www.fomsa.org](http://www.fomsa.org)

**December 30<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> - HMCRRSA State Titles** - An NMCSA sponsored event and heaps of fun.  
Vintage road racing at its best at Mac Park in Mount Gambier.  
[www.historicmotorcyclerracing.org](http://www.historicmotorcyclerracing.org)

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – All British Day** – Another well attended event by the NMCSA. Cars, bikes, tractors, over 700 entries at the Echunga Oval.  
[www.allbritishday.com](http://www.allbritishday.com)

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

Reminder to all members with Logbooks - please ensure you renew your Club Membership prior to August 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> August each financial year . If your membership is not paid up by 30<sup>th</sup> August , 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.

For further information, ring the Club Captain @  
**0423 191 620** or check our website **NMCSA.ORG**

