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Club Details

Meetings: Velocette Clubrooms, 74 Drayton Street, Bowden 5007 SA
Arrive from 7:30pm for 8:00pm meeting on the first Monday of every month.
No meeting in January. Meetings that fall on a public holiday are deferred a week.

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ALL NORTON OWNERS, ENTHUSIASTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

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Cover Photo: Peter Sinfield's Commando, December 2023 Club Ride



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January Club Ride

Reporter: Peter Sinfield

The January club ride was held on Sunday 14th with Peter Marshall as Ride Captain and Eden Valley the destination. There was an excellent run out with: 4 x Commando 850s, 2 x Commando 961s, 1 x Commando 750, 1 x International, 2 x Triumphs, 2 x BMWs, 1 x Suzuki, 1 x Laverda, & 1 x Royal Enfield! The team departed from the X Convenience petrol station, 1380 Golden Grove Rd, at 10 am.

The morning started out windy and cold. Peter S sent a few SMSs to club members that live in the hills, and they thought it was going to be OK. Peter Marshall said only a cyclone would stop us. Anyway, once we got going up into the hills the wind seemed to drop, and the temperature rose rather quickly. Why did I bring my Winter jacket?!

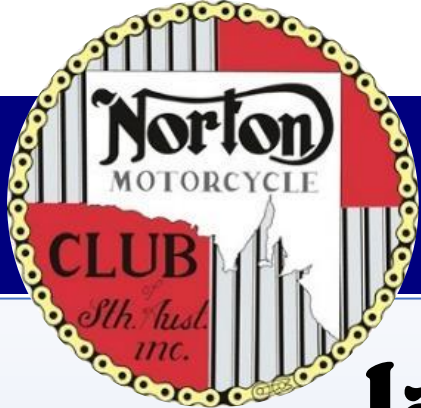
Bit of a disaster at the Woodside café - The coffee machine had broken! OH NO – 1st world problems! Loads of Norton chat out in the car park. In his retirement Dave York has worked out that the more time you have to find problems with your bike, the more problems you will find! And then you have more time to try to rectify the problems that were probably not there in the first place... or something like that.

We departed Woodside and headed to Eden Valley for lunch. And in the meanwhile, it has turned out to be a beauty of a day! The food was good even though the service was a little slow, and I have ticked off another pub in the Hills that I would never have visited had it not been for the Norton Club.

By the time we got Home I think we had done approximately 220 kilometres . Bloody well done to Mr. Peter Marshall for an excellent job as ride leader. We are still looking for more club members to put their hand up to take us on some of their favourite roads in the hills!



Nortons seem to get all the attention!



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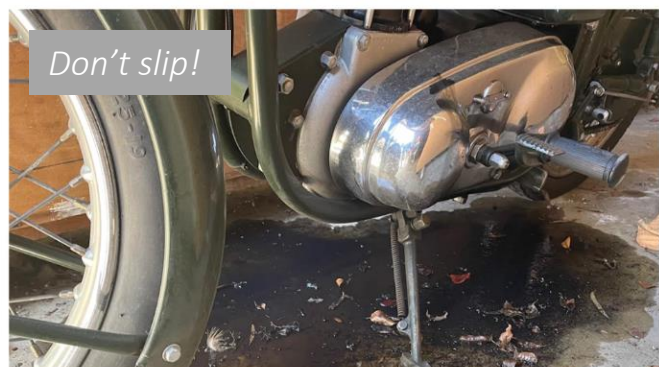


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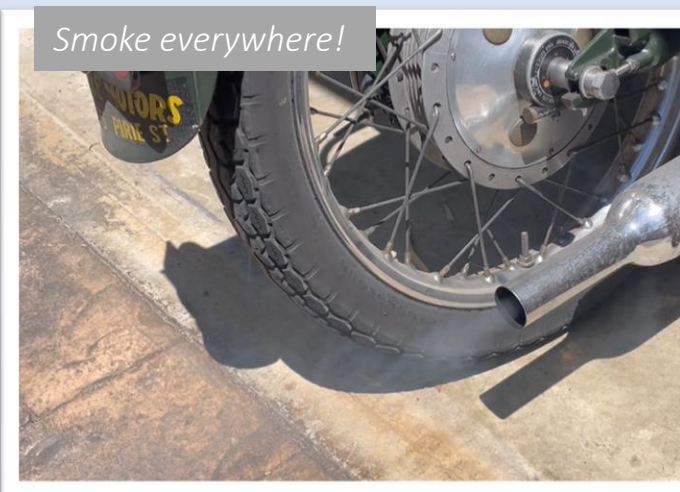
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What's 'sump'?

Correspondent: Jerome Munchenberg



We recently read about Con unfortunately forgetting to turn on the oil tap on his 650SS during the '23 December club ride, and god knows a lot of us have done the same thing or come very close! And I missed the club's Christmas lunch due to Nora (my '59 500 ES2) wet sumping with nasty hydraulic lock, because I forgot to turn the oil tap off, so I thought it a good time to look at what options are out there in the marketplace?



A quick search revealed the 'New British Motorcycle Anti-Wet Sump Valve Kit' (around AUD\$160), manufactured in England and made of aluminium. Apparently, the check ball valve will hold the oil in the oil tank where it belongs, then when started the pump suction will open the valve. This pump needs to be primed once after installation. Has anyone had any experience with these? I get a lot of conflicting information from the internet forums about their safety and efficacy...

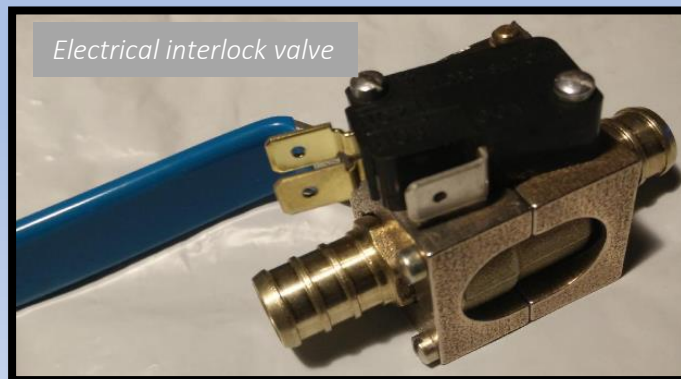


However, the device that has really caught my attention is the "Anti Wet-Sumping Valve for Motorcycle with Electrical Interlock". This tap has an integral switch fitted so you can wire it in to the ignition to prevent starting without the tap being turned on and is available for both magneto and coil type bikes. Wiring options are interesting aka "If you are not confident with wiring up the tap switch to the ignition system, another solution is to use the MAG type switch and connect it using a feed to the horn on the motorcycle (one wire to live feed, one wire to the horn). This way, when the switch is OFF and you turn the ignition on, the horn will blare at you, possibly resulting in brown trousers, but these are easier to change than main bearings!!"

So, if you have installed an anti-sump valve solution on your bike – I am sure a lot of us would like to hear your thoughts!

Please write an article and send it through to me!

Till then, my recommendation is to leave notes all over your bike and on your key ring to check and CHECK AGAIN – have you turned that damn valve on... or off... as the situation dictates!





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Meeting Minutes

NMCSA General Meeting No 273
Monday 4th December 2023

Meeting started 8:20pm after the Christmas BBQ.

Attendance

Apologies –Jerome Munchenberg, Dan Gleeson, John Oakes,

Attendance - Donald Hosier, Lindi Tietz, Con Desyllas, Adrian Fechner, Dave Rocklyn, Peter Sinfield, Peter Marshall, John Macnaughton, Rick McCarthy, Peter Sinfield, Tony Hepburn, Phil Cassidy, Steve Mulhern, Neil Gloyn Dave York, Alf Fernandez, Steve Mulhern, Barry Miller, Murray Norton, Tom Gowan, Paul Lamont, David Chinn.

President's message – IDL

Welcome to the last Christmas of the year. No new members here.

Well done to Lyndii for organizing the Christmas dinner and well done to Donald.

Well done for an excellent Christmas BBQ and special thanks go to:

- lan - sausages
- Donald - gas bottle, condiments, bread, meat patties, onions, margarine
- Peter - paper plates, cutlery, napkins
- Con - Greek salad

There is a new code of practice out. Anything prior to 2023 is not valid anymore. For the club to be eligible for the individually constructed vehicles we would need to update the constitution. This enables people to create vehicles in their back yard completely. You couldn't use an existing vehicle frame; you need to construct the frame too. We do not have to do anything about this now.

Peter Malinauskas is making \$500, 000.00 to support local car clubs with operating costs within the conditional registration scheme.

European bike day is on the 18th February 2024. A lot of members are going to be there with the other bikes therefore we will not make a club presence.

Vice President - DH

No update

Website administration – DH

Minutes are uploaded website and up to date.

Secretary – RL

The Certification of currency has been provided by Gallagher insurance company which has been provided in three parts to provide confirmation of cover.



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Secretary – RL (Continued)

An email letter has been provided by the Hon Tom Koutsantonis to inform us that individually constructed vehicles are now eligible under the scheme for historic, lefthand drive and street rod vehicles.

Librarian – DM

Special thanks to Neil for arranging the new manuals.

We have parts lists for 1970s, ES2, DVDs for gearbox rebuilds and engine rebuilds.

We no longer need you membership number, just include you name an phone number to borrow an item.

Editor – JM

No update this month

Treasury Report NG

Since last meeting

Incoming \$654.15 (inc \$180 of regalia sales, \$158 dollars raffle prize)

Outgoings \$682

Bank Balance \$5362.12

Float \$75

Total Balance \$5437.12

Please can you ensure that you bring money for room hire. When everyone pays online then it's a problem. It is ok on the ones and two's however please do not use this as your main method of paying.

Club Captain

The ride for the club Christmas ride had 11 Nortons. If anyone is interested in doing an overnight run to Butterworth Mill then get in contact with Peter Sinfield in March.

Regalia – LT

Those members who were not at the Christmas lunch can collect their Norton tags.

We still have heaps of logbook covers. We also have keyrings for non-members for sale at \$10.

If you want to but Christmas presents, then buy it now.

Federation ES

No further update

Registrars - ES, AF

No further update



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General Business

Molly has offered to provide the next club run. Up to Gawler and down through Williamstown, will need to confirm that this is going ahead. Exact run date to follow.

The Norton tablecloths need to be cleaned and ironed. – the group approved.

If anyone can identify this strange front hub then get in touch with Donald.

Dan Gleeson will be racing at the historic racing at Mac Park. If anyone is interested, then come along. 29th December 2023.

Raffle

[The winner of the door prize Dave Youk.](#)

Close

The meeting closed at 8:45pm



**Norton Commando 750:
Misty Green By Fuller Motors**





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Bust De Rust

Correspondent: Dave Molly Meldrum

Had ongoing problems with rubbish always ending up in the fuel filters on my bike so after having a good "hunt" found my petrol tank had more rust in it than the Titanic! As it was all through the tank and quite heavy in parts I thought I have to take drastic measures.

I was thinking about cutting the bottom out and give it a good scrub but after looking on "YouTube" I had seen stories of people bolting them to rotating wheels and fill them with sand and give them a spin! so thought nothing to lose and borrowed a cement mixer from a mate made up a base with three long hook bolts to enable the base board to be



I wanna shake, rattle & roll...

bolted down on the agitating paddles of the mixer bowl as it was a BSA tank it has one central mount point so a length of "all thread" from the board up into the tank and a failsafe strap over the top of the whole lot in case it broke free.

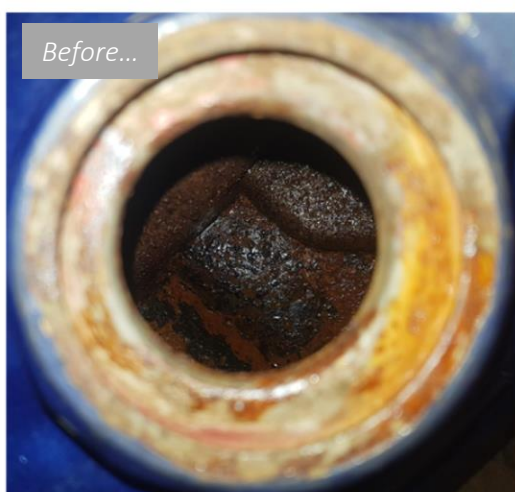
I used approximately half a water bucket of 5mm gravel and 1lite of degreaser fluid pored it all in and turned it on, stood back with my hands out ready to catch anything that went astray! All seemed fine and I let it run for a couple of hours on the day and maybe a hour or so the next. It worked!!

And quite well so after a good flush with the garden hose let it dry out and then went through the process of a tank liner kit. Its been a while since I did it and so far all seems good! Would I do it again for sure but I would use a finer gravel mixed with course sand the whole process of cleaning didn't cost me a cent except for the liner kit.

Showing off some serious engineering skills...



Before...



...and after!





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Club Events

- Mon 5th February 2024 General Meeting.
- Sun 18th February 2024 Club Ride & European Motorcycle Day at Balhannah Oval.
- Mon 4th March 2024 General Meeting.
- Sun 17th March 2024 Club Ride.
- Mon 1st April 2024 General Meeting.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 18th February 2024, 10 am - 3 pm
European Motorcycle Day
Balhannah Oval, 117 Onkaparinga Rd Balhannah SA

The Festival of Motorcycling SA is proud to bring you this event at Balhannah Oval in the Adelaide Hills 10am - 3 pm Sunday February 2024 Club displays and European Motorcycle regalia sales. Rock & Roll music throughout the day, food & drink available on site. Event memorabilia will be available for sale.

Club sites and European Race bike display (with start-ups). All European bikes welcome from veteran to current Model! European bikes will be placed together in the main event area on the oval. Other makes can be parked on the area around the oval as allocated.

Bikes don't need to be running, they can be trailered to the event.

Spectators \$5.

All bike entries \$5 with free parking on the oval and raffle prizes during the day.

\$5 for Show & Shine bike entry – trophies awarded for Best Bike in several categories. A chance to win a year's subscription for Old Bike Australasia and other trophy classes, all entrants in the show & shine have a chance to win the "Lucky Bastard Trophy"

Payment on entry – CASH ONLY at the gate so have your \$5 note ready when you arrive.



Sat 16 & Sun 17 March, 9 am – 3 pm
Vintage Tractor Pull & Machinery Rally
Murray Bridge Showgrounds

The Lower Murray Vintage Engine & Machinery Club are hosting this year's Vintage Tractor Pull & Machinery Rally on the 16 & 17 March at the Murray Bridge Showgrounds.

It's a free entry event for exhibitors and the general public. It will be up and running from 9 to 3 both Saturday & Sunday, and this year they are trying to be more inclusive to motor vehicle owners and their cars, bikes, trucks etc. The "roll in, look at & roll out" vehicle section will be trialled to encourage the participation of motor vehicle owners. They will have stewards & marshals to keep an eye on things, there will be catering on site and plenty of mechanical marvels to make it an enjoyable day trip.

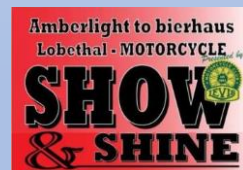


Sunday 24 March, 11 am – 2 pm
Amberlight to Lobethal Bierhaus Show & Shine
Lobethal Bierhaus

The Levis MCC is once again hosting the Amberlight to Lobethal Bierhaus Show & Shine! So, get those polishing cloths out, buff up your ride, bring it along and put it on display. There will be trophies for best on show in your chosen category: Cruiser, Classic, Chopper/Bobber, Trail/Motard, Kids Bike, Vintage, Scooter, Best Paint Work, Adventure, Best In Show, Naked/Cafe Racer, Sidecar, Sports, Best Club/Group Display. Every bike entry will receive a FREE raffle ticket, with the chance to win a great prize! There will be also a sausage sizzle!

Enter on the day - \$10 per bike, gold coin donation for spectators.

Part proceeds taken on the day going to Lobethal Men's Shed.





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Regalia

The Club has a variety of Regalia available to members.

Stock changes from time to time and the best way to order is to contact our club regalia officer, Lyndi, via email at regalia@nmcsa.org

Some items like t-shirts, hoodies, etc are ordered in batches so you can pre-order the size or colour combination you want if we don't already have one hanging on the rack.

Come along to a meeting to have a look or catch up with us at one of the shows!

