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ENERGETTE

In this issue: Rocky's Fastback made it!, All British Day enjoyed by all, the NMCSA's new website unveiled, a couple of Club members get C.R.A.B.'s and another loses his nuts!





WEBSITE: www.nmcsa.org

MEETINGS held on the 1st Monday of the month, 8.00pm start.

NO MEETING IN JANUARY and on Public Holidays
when the meeting will be held on the following Monday.

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ALL NORTON OWNERS, ENTHUSIASTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME

Hello Readers,

Well, autumn's here. Back home in Canada, it's the time of year we start squeezing in every last ride we possibly can. These rides are bittersweet, knowing that that each one could be our last before the snow starts falling and bikes (and riders) go into hibernation, but the upshot is we've had 6 months to find the newly resurfaced roads. You see, freezing temperatures and the salt used to melt snow and ice, wreak havoc on road surfaces, creating corrugations, cracks and potholes. Each spring the council crews are out in force resurfacing the worst of them, and we spend most of the summer finding out where this fresh bitumen has been laid. So by the end of the season we know all the new spots and spend the day riding some of the best roads (not) known to man, instead of dodging potholes. However, there's still bears and moose to watch out for.

This autumn, here in Australia, I've outfitted one of my other British bikes with a seat for my 2yo daughter. My Granddad's trusty Raleigh Superbe bicycle has served me well for almost 20 years since it was handed down to me, 10 years as my commuter on the wild, congested streets of Toronto, and is now enjoying a life of weekend leisure rides alongside creeks to the park for picnics. Eliza had been getting frustrated with my lack of bell ding-ing, so I've fitted one of her own, which she uses liberally to warn cars, pedestrians and other cyclists of our approach. It has been almost 8 years since the bike had regular use, but a quick flush of the Sturmey Archer 3 speed hub, followed by some fresh oil, had my old friend rolling along and shifting gears like it had left the Nottingham factory just yesterday. This internally geared hub has helped propel the Raleigh along terrain all over the world, in India, China, Canada and now Australia, but is still going strong, and all it ever needs is a squirt of oil once a month. I only wish sometimes they had designed their motorcycle gearboxes as fool proof.

Oh, and before I forget, check out the club's new website at www.nmcsa.org!

D. Hosier

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Dear Members,

Well I am at it again. Going to the Scorsby Swapmeet that is which is in the first weekend in April and a chance that I may not be able to make the meeting on the 7th of that month. Donald you may have to chair that meeting.

On the way to Scorsby I have to drop in and see a fella who has two Featherbed Frames and other parts. Hopefully I can do a deal. Scorsby is a small Swapmeet but a lot of good parts can be sourced there.

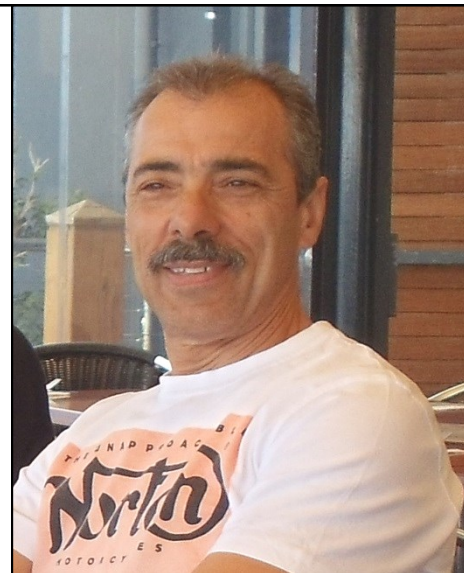
I will take this opportunity to thank someone who we take for granted and that is Lindy who does a terrific job selling raffles and collecting the money that pays for the hire of the clubrooms.

In the meantime enjoy riding your Norton and stay upright.

Regards,

Your President

Con Desyllas



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Wanted 16H parts, 1937-1947. Below is a sample list, but interested in ANY and all bits or large lots:

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General Events 2014

12-13/04/14 Adelaide Motorsport Festival—including Windy Point Hillclimb, Victoria Park Sprint, GP cars from the 1930's to 1990's, vintage motorcycles and more.
Victoria Park. <http://www.adelaidemotorsportfestival.com.au/>

1-8/11/14 Norton National Rally — Presented by the Victorian branch of The Norton Owners Club
Hamilton, Victoria's Western District
Entries close April 30th! Contact them through their website www.nortonownersvic.org.au

Cover photo:

Jerome's JPN drew plenty of people to the Club's display in February at the All British Day

For Contributions, please contact editor;

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Members wanting any events, services, bike parts, rides, etc. in the ENERGETTE please contact editor with details for inclusion in future issue's.



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Torque

FRESH FASTBACK

If you read the last Energette, you will have noticed a picture on the front cover of a pair of Commando crank-cases. Less than two weeks out from the All Brit Day, it still looked much the same. However, there had been much cleaning, preparing, buying of seals, gaskets and miscellaneous items going on. The new cam bushes were professionally fitted and line bored. I'm still on original cam and followers. Pistons are 20 thou, but that was done back in the 80's. Only re-ringed, bores are still good. I have replaced a valve here and there along the way, so top end is fine. Chuck in some big end shells, FAG superblends, timing chain etc. The rest was straightforward but time consuming. I still have a full time job. Evenings were spent in the shed. A couple of leave days were booked. It would be done. I enjoyed the process, by doing it in my own time. No compromises was the plan.

When you have the engine and gearbox out, there is so much you can do to a Commando. I did need to replace the isolastic rubbers, which means might as well re paint the front housings, and the engine cradle, now the swingarm looks crap, better do that too, oh that makes the frame look crap, oh when is the All Brit Day ????

Well if you were there, you saw my bike. We made it.

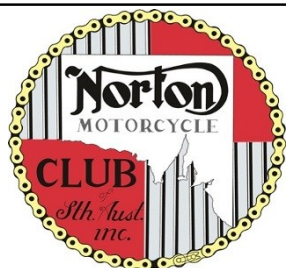
Hiccup? Only one - I replaced the head gasket by 10pm the Saturday night prior, after discovering the half width of a bees di@% I had skimmed off the head had meant the head bolts bottomed out in the thread before tensioning. This had caused blown head gasket within the first 10k's of test riding. Guys, I have been replacing head gaskets on Nortons for nigh on 30 years, but it was the one thing that caught me out. Yes you can teach an old dog new tricks. DOH !!

So now my ol' faithful Norton and me are enjoying being back on the road again. I took her up to Clare the other day for the Clare Swap Meet. We got rained on. But we loved it. The engine is strong as and it is handling so well now. Head gasket is doing what it should. I only saw one other bike ridden there parked at the oval, but as I had my NORTON hat on people asked me if I owned one. It was nice to say "YES and it is over there parked by the side of the fence!!!"

I have over 75000 hard miles on the speedo (thats when it worked!)

Looking forward to many more. Nortons were made to be ridden.

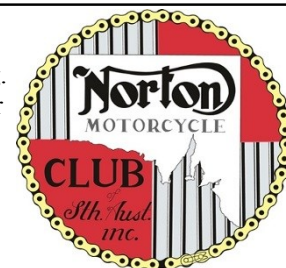
Dave RRRR



Let us know what's going on in your shed! Full engine rebuild, restoration, chasing elusive mechanical gremlins, even just basic maintenance or race prepping. Share your experiences with us, it just might help someone else solve a problem or learn something new!

Contact us with the story, and pics if available.

Send your info to the Editor at noetics@hotmail.com





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Events

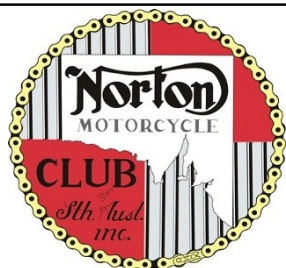
ALL BRITISH DAY

Dave's better half, Lesley, gave up the opportunity to ride pillion TO Echunga on the Red Norton Fastback, because she had offered to drive the Club's support vehicle for the day.

The ever reliable Toyota was loaded up with gazebo, chairs, table, Esky of softies and water bottles, and of course a couple of packs of ICED VO VO'S. We met up with Donald at Crafers and enjoyed an easy run to Echunga, as it was still early. Advantages of being site marshall is you get there way before the traffic!! Soon had the gazebo and site set up, so we got some nice coffees and relaxed whilst entrants gradually arrived.

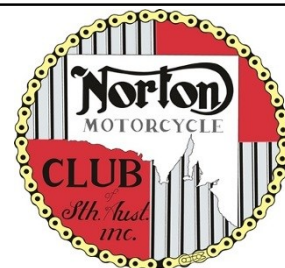
The Club had a really great day, much conversations about Nortons and I think we probably also solved all the worlds mechanical problems. Donald also lost his virginity that day to the tasty delights of ICED VO VO'S, a moment we never captured on film!! We promise there will be more ICED VO VO's next year.

A huge public crowd comes along to the All British, if you haven't been there before "DO YOURSELF A FAVOUR" and don't miss it next year. If you have a bike or even part of a bike, you can display it, enjoy the day and promote our shared enjoyment of Nortons (oh and a few other British marques whilst we're there!)



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 noetics@hotmail.com



OPENING: Vice-President Donald Hosier opened the meeting at 7.45 pm & welcomed members & friends.

PRESENT: Bill, Jason Ward, Donald Hosier, Ian DeLaine, Les Bell, Dave Rocklyn, Dave Meldrum, Paul Knapp, Ray Sims, Murray Norton, Steve Richter, Trevor King, Lyndi, John M, Ray Hughes, Steve Adkins, Owen Greenfield, Barry Miller, Tony Gillam, Jerome Munchenberg.

APOLOGIES: John Hunter

MAIL IN: All-British-Day Feb 9th, Echunga Rec Ground, www.allbritishday.com; Historic Vehicle Display Day March 16, Anzac Hwy, Keswick, 10.30 to 2.30, free, catered; Motorsport Festival 12-13 April, Windy Point Hill-climb 12th, Victoria Park Sprint 13th, motorcycle display Vic Park 13th, focus on pre-1985 M/Cs, on-track action, classic racing M/Cs 11,45 & 3.55, www.adelaidemotorsportfestival.com.au; British Classics Tour, May 4th, Victor Harbour, www.hmvc.org.au; Celebration of the Motorcar, Carrick Hill, April 27th, www.classicrally.com.au; Pinnaroo Motel gives competitive rates for groups, April-June; Freemasons Run to Birdwood, Feb 16th, details from K & M Motorcycles, Richmond.

MAIL OUT: Replies to membership enquiries.

TREASURER: \$122.72 in; \$1119.70 out; Balance \$1391.82

CLUB CAPTAIN: All-Brit-Day run Sunday, 10 members bikes entered, will be cancelled if over 40 degrees or bushfire warning; ride before Christmas one of the best rides ever!!! Steve, ex-Club Captain, turned up & rode – a great ride.

LIBRARY: Dave wants items borrowed to be returned; trying to get DVD from USA.

EDITOR: New issue is out, good contributions from members working on projects.

REGALIA: no report

FEDERATION: no report

GENERAL BUSINESS: Current website expires end this month, Dave R & Jerome working on new website, to be officially Norton M/C Club site, will be easier for people to manage, more user-friendly, editing features will be built in; Testicool Run, Feb 23rd, 10.30, St Agnes Shop Centre

Raffle raised \$30 T-shirt & patch won by Barry.

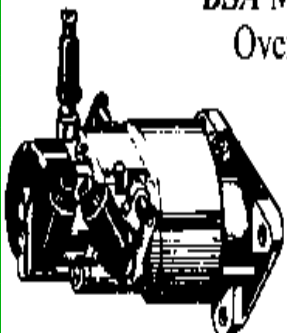
Meeting closed 8.45 pm

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- OPENING: President Con Desyllas opened the meeting at 8 pm & welcomed members & friends
- PRESENT: Bill, Jason, Con, Jerome M, Dave York, Walter Bulyga, Mick Pratt, Owen Greenfield, Steve Adkins, John McNaughton, Cozi, Lyndi, S. Richter, Bo Isberg, Murray Norton, Ray Hughes, Tim Edwards, Dave Rocklyn, Paul Knapp.
- APOLOGIES: Les Bell, Dave Meldrum, Donald, Dan.
- MAIL IN: NOC Vic wants expressions of interest in Hamilton Rally next November 1st-8th, want these by April 30th, pay \$50 up front, refundable at the Rally, routes of proposed rides & venues for meals & accom, see Bill for details, www.victoria.nortonownersclub.org; Petition from Australian Federation circulating at meetings protesting failure to restrict exporting of historic vehicles from Australia as the law requires; Benefit concert at Settlers Tavern, March 15th, 5pm, car & bike show 3-6pm, proceeds to Cancer Council; nice-looking yellow Commando at K & M; PO Box renewal notice received; cancelled log book, bike sold; new Directory of Historic Motoring Clubs received; new mags now in your Club library: October 'Roadholder' – specs for all 1954 Nortons, plus oil problems in the Commando; Nov 'Roadholder' – ignition timing & magnetos, electronic ignition review of all Boyer kits, notes on coils, all about spark plugs, how to use the NOC-UK website; Dec 'Roadholder' – more on ignition timing, plus electronic ignition review of Tri-Spark, plus an article on Dommie ignition & more about coils; Jan 'Roadholder' – Dommie crankcase breathers, electronic ignition review of Pazon.
- MAIL OUT: nil
- TREASURER: \$87 in; \$87 out; Balance \$1,307.61
'Energette' printing \$77, stationery \$60
- CLUB CAPTAIN: ABD was a great day, lots to look at, well-organised, huge crowd, lots of interest in our Nortons, more models other than Commandos would be good.
- LIBRARY: new Roadholders in, see 'Mail In'.
- EDITOR: A couple more Commandos back on the road & getting historic rego.
- REGALIA: no report.
- FEDERATION: Federation checking Club Constitutions to see they're OK, want a copy of ours.
- GENERAL BUSINESS: Website is off-the-air temporarily, will go back up soon with new address, means Club email is also off-the-air until then; Easter is April 18th-21st, is Easter Sunday ride on? Watch for any changes in Ride Calendar; Tim has Commando bits in his van if anyone wants some, see Tim; CRAB Ride, 230 bikes turned up, 2 Nortons, other Club members on strange assortment of bikes, good day, lots of different bikes, great seeing 230 bikes on freeway going to the oval. Con went to 3-hour production race at Virginia, good race; Kustom Kulture weekend at Highway Hotel, March 15th-17th, hot rods, 50s rock & roll.
- Raffle raised \$35. Bottle of sparkling Rose won by Jason. Meeting closed 8.30 pm

23rd February—C.R.A.B Run Cancer Research Advocate Bikers

This group was brought to our attention by Lyndi and Trevor. The name says it all. Many of us have or will soon have someone near and dear affected by some form of cancer. The marvels of modern medicine continue to find remarkable treatments, but it is a tremendous challenge, often limited by available funds. CRABS annual TESTI-COOL RUN is one way we can contribute real money to this needed research, (guys, there's a hint there as to one form you especially DON'T want) and visually show our support to the community as fellow bikers. This was Lesley and my first run, and as well as Lyndi and Trev, Dave M and Ian D were there on their Nortons to fly the flag for the Club. This was a welcome sight amidst the sea of Harleys!!!

In all over 230 bikes registered for the run, (@ \$15 a head to register there's an instant \$3500 bucks donated to cancer research) which despite the numbers went off without a hitch, the roads chosen were scenic, free flowing and a great day was had by all.

We departed St Agnes, via Kersbrook, Lyndoch, stopped at Nuriootpa for a break before winding back to Elizabeth via the Sturt Hwy and Northern Expressway, which from the rear gave a fantastic view of the huge amount of bikes on this run. The ride ended up at Elizabeth Rugby Club oval, where once again it was well organized and bike parking made easy. Show and shine, trade displays, shopping, food, live band, face painting for the grubbs, and friendly bar prices, and a raffle. What more could you want, 'cept that warm feeling that the money raised by everyone there is helping your mates. CRAB do many fund raisers during the year, if you have the opportunity please support them.

When you hear the TESTI - COOL run mentioned next year, lets see how many NORTONS we can get along, come on guys we gotta give those Harley guys and gals something different to look at!!! Besides, you might even enjoy it!

Dave Rockon



16th March—Southern Ride through the eyes of John H

Left Dawesley following a huge downpour. (No sign of Ian)

Sun was shining as I left the shed.

Got caught in a torrential storm before Dawesley - 800 mtrs from home. Soaked by Nairne (4klm) where I got petrol. Sun came out while I was paying. Headed off from Nairne in sunshine. Drowned by Littlehampton. Rode all the way to 'Top of Taps' and for the first time realized what that meant..... I'd been under every tap between home and there.

A brief moment without rain then rained again. Owen and I discussed technical stuff including isolastic adjustment and flex through the frame. We wiggled our swing arms and spoke of "thou".

The rain eased and we took off as a club. What a thrill. Soaking bolts, bikes, gear and nuts..... I hadn't taken any wet weather gear.

As we headed south I enjoyed the tail wiggle every time I put power on or eased off. Just like a motor guzzi club....

Arrived at Myponga after a scary last 10kms (nuts still soaking) to discover I'd lost a nut en route. (PUN INTENDED). The right hand rear axle nut had gone walkabout!

I knew it was cold but didn't think I'd lose one...

So at Myponga we groveled to the Bennetts Auctions bloke, who was fantastic. He offered me one of his nuts off a '79 Bonnie. Sadly, his nut was bigger than mine.

Not to be left behind by the helpful smart arses in the Norton club I used the left hand adjusting bolt to stop the axle moving under chain reaction. Off we headed to Victor Harbour for lunch, then I left and headed for home.

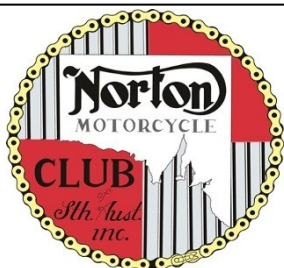
Fuel main ran out 13kms before Strath so I limped in to Garage Motorcycles on reserve. As luck would have it their 98 fuel bowser had broken down.

So me 'n Bert (hopwood) limped home on 91.

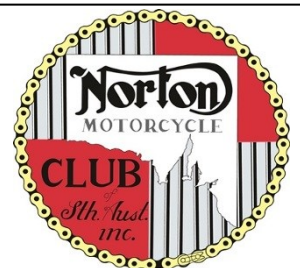
The really sad part had a great day. Why don't the rest of you come and lose a nut getting dirty with your mates?

John Hunter

Thanks John, nothing better than a good road adventure! Remember guys and gals, any one of you can write a ride report, whether it be a NMCSA ride or just one with you and your mates. Pictures are more than welcome as well. This isn't really a friendly reminder, it's a damn request! - Editor



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CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION

Please note, all Log Books are valid only to 30th June 2014.

For those wishing to continue with their Conditional Registration, Log Books will need to be presented for updating for 2014/2015.

Please respect your club and act in a timely fashion, we are all volunteers and sometimes it takes time for the information to filter through the system.

You will need to provide;

- > proof of current membership. 1/7 /2014 to 30/6/2015
- > Current registration form.
- > An approved statutory declaration.
- > Current Log book or apply for a new one.

Please note, the Club carries limited numbers of new log books. If you will require a new book to be issued, please enquire early to avoid potential delays.

Country members can post renewal applications to the following address.

NMCSA c/o I R Delaine
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Please supply a suitable self addressed & stamped envelope.
Original documents only, copies are not acceptable under the scheme.
If you have any enquiries please contact Ian D or Dave R

Norton Motorcycle Club of SA's new website!

Jerome put his hand up to take over the reigns of our website and has done a great job giving it a fresh new look. Over the next little while he'll be adding more content and fine tuning the design and function. If you have any comments or ideas, have a chat with him.

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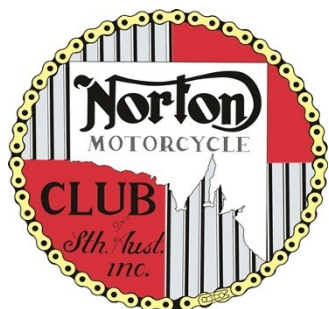
Ride Calendar 2014



20th April	Shell Servo, Gawler	Barossa Ride
18th May	Hazelwood Park	Hills Ride
15th June	Gepps X Go Karts	Northern Ride
20th July	Hazelwood Park	River Murray Ride Petrol at Mannum
17th August	Shell Servo, Gawler	Barossa Ride
21st September	Hazelwood Park	Lower Lakes Ride Petrol at Strathalbyn
19th October	Gepps X Go Karts	Barossa Valley Classic Owners Rally Williamstown Oval
9th November	Hazelwood Park	X-mas Lunch Venue TBA
14th December	'Top of Taps' Weighbridge	Southern Ride

Ride calendar is also posted on our new website: www.nmcsa.org

NOTE!! All rides start at 10am unless otherwise noted.
Ride calendar is prepared in advance & is subject to change.
Please check club notices in Thursday's Advertiser
or call the Club Captain @ 0423 191620



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