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MEETINGS

Held on the ;
1st Monday of the month,
Except Public Holidays when
the meeting will be held on
the following Monday.

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

We meet at the :

VELOCETTE CLUBROOMS
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Meeting Start 7:30 pm.
ALL NORTON OWNERS,
ENTHUSIASTS AND THEIR
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From the Editor,

The silly season is here again, and **the last issue for the year. It's a good excuse to have** family and friends around for a bit of fun, to over indulge and generally have a good time.

Some of us will have a bit of time off work and be able **to spend it on our passion's in life, riding the Norton** for the sheer joy of it would be high on the list and who **knows, I might get one of those new one's in the Xmas** stocking! (better do all those jobs around the castle and maybe, just maybe the gods might smile upon me).

In this issue we have all the usual stuff, with a rather large photo spread on the Christmas lunch, a lot of **Commando's were present with the only other Norton being Mal's '50 ES2 which was buried deep in** amongst the others. The clubs Xmas lunch has been and gone and what a great day it was. I must say that the meal I had was most enjoyable with very pleasing company and surroundings, and the beer was cold.

Time to go out and check the bike for the last ride of the year, as the Victor Harbor ride is a good one, and the weather has always been kind. It is the start of summer after all. Hope to see there.

There is also a feature on Tony G's Interstate/roadster, sound confused????? Read the story it will explain all.

Last but not least, is my sincere apologies to the members and other's for a couple of stuff up's with ride date's and start venue's. They were error's on my part.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Cheers Ian.



Andrew Brown would like more material to add to the clubs web site.
You can contact him at;

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COVER SHOT: Gathering at Hazelwood Park, not sure when. But looks like the start of a lovely day for a club ride. Note Tony's bike at the front fitted out in it's purple? interstate guise. With more pic's inside.

From the Pres,

The Birkenhead Tavern proved to be a good venue for our Christmas lunch held on the 14th. It was well attended with over 30 people and a dozen or so bikes rolling up. The bikes certainly turned a few heads and created a good display in front of the tavern.

Rick Ellis was given a life membership and a plaque at the function in recognition of his work in establishing the club and continuing to hold a committee position for the life of the club. Congrats to Rick.

The Norton club will be putting a display on at the All British Day in February. We look like getting 10-12 bikes on show.

Unfortunately the entries have to be in by the end of November so by the time you read this it will be too late to enter, but it looks like we will have a good variety of models displayed.

That all for me,

regards El Presidento.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH Nov. 2010



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2010—2011

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Member Tony Gillam is featured below in our Christmas edition with his thoughts on wet weather riding.....(not that we will worry about that for a while)..... Read on and enjoy >>>>>>

In Tony's words.....I have owned my 750 Interstate for nearly 11 years now. It is my third Commando, my first I bought in England when I was around 21, it was a 1970 'S' Type with a combat motor, it cost 300 pounds. Metal Flake blue in colour. After years of Triumphs the first ride on the Commando was smooth as glass and I had to keep checking the Speedo as it was easy to find yourself doing in excess of the speed limit. I rode it around the Isle of Man and on many bike Rallies including the Dragon Rally....notorious for it being held in Snowdonia national park in the middle of Winter. Riding through the Lan-Beris pass in a blizzard wasn't really that much fun. **It might explain my total lack of interest in riding** in the rain now I don't have to.! The alternator shredded itself on the return home on the M5 motorway, we were sitting on 100mph in a thunderstorm when the bike seemed to seize coming to a quick stop after luckily pulling the clutch in - unharmed.



This 'S' type was a bit unique in that the combat motor held together for 20,000 miles before the big-end bearings went. Most did only 4,000 miles before trouble arrived.

I rode it to a Norton Owners meeting at the Chateau Impney, Worcester and an engineer from Norton listened to the deep throaty rumble coming from the engine and walked to his car boot, returning with a box of new parts and a promise to drop by my house and help rebuild the motor.

On the night of the rebuild I had cleaned all **my tools after being told he didn't like working** in greasy conditions. The crank cases were clean and sitting on 250 degrees in Mom's oven and to her delight the main bearings were in the freezer for dessert.

The next day I was off on another Rally, never once thinking anything could go **wrong.....which funnily it didn't. Might have** been another story if I had been riding my T120R pre-unit Bonneville.

My decision to buy my current Norton really came from looking for another Bonnie. Most that I saw were far from original and not in the best of condition. On a whim I went to look at a Commando on the way to another Triumph. The bike looked pretty ordinary in a dark Blue, an original Commando colour for a 71 Interstate. No clocks, none standard exhausts. a wiring loom consisting of one colour...."black" and a box of various half salvageable bits. I made an offer but left to look at other bikes. About 8 weeks later, still looking at heaps of shite I noted the Commando still for sale. I rang the owner asked if he would take my offer went straight round and picked it up. The engine had just been rebuilt after throwing a rod at Coobowie. It had a new head, pistons, Barrels, rods, bearings and although a pig to start when it did fire up was as smooth and quiet as possible.

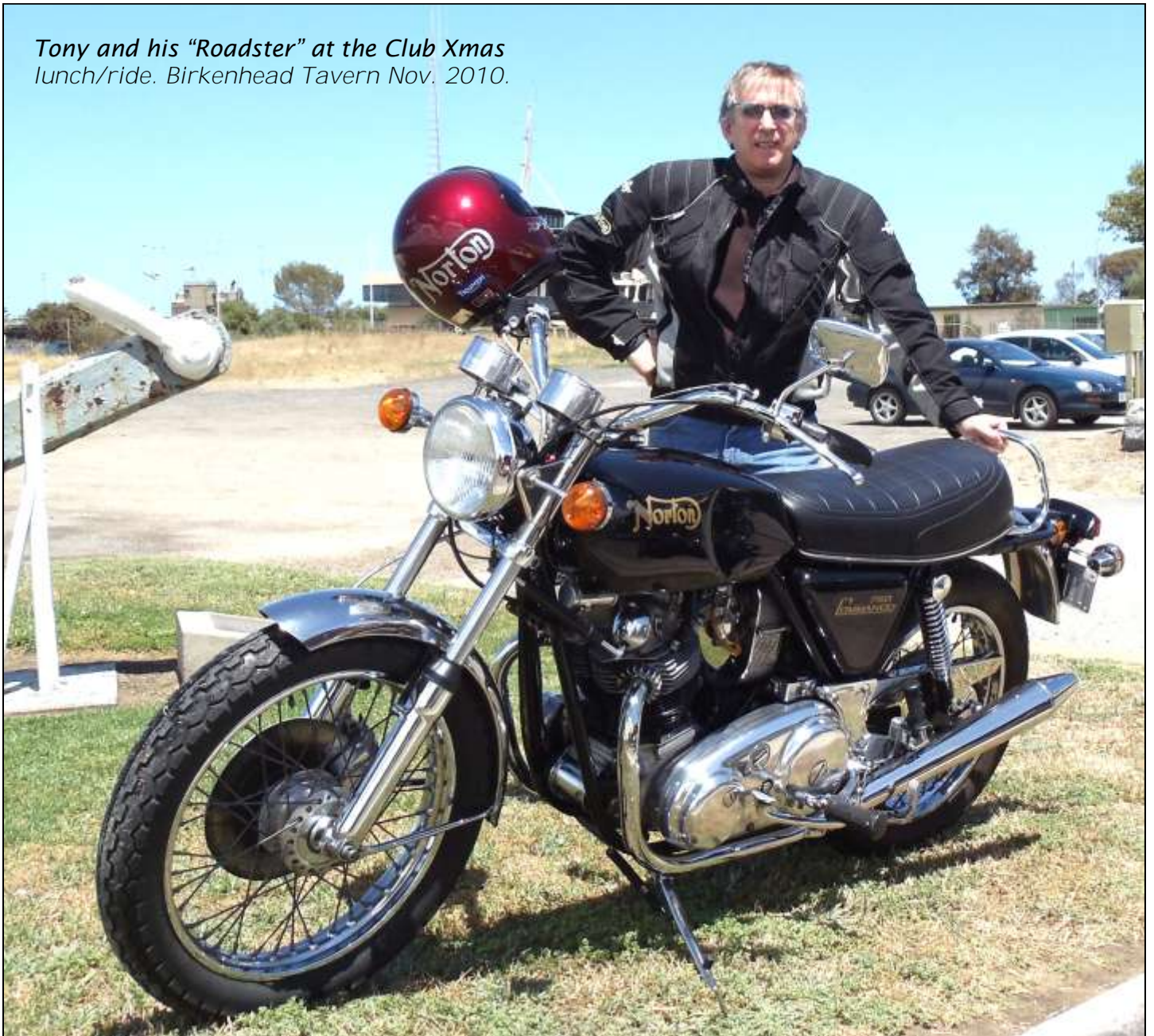
The next 10 years has seen 20,000 plus miles put on the clock and a total remodelling as a restoration in progress project. It is almost back to full standard fit-out, although it does change from an Interstate to a Roadster when the fancy takes me. I always liked the Roadster look so I have a tank/seat and side cover set up for both models. The latest change is in the Interstate colour scheme. I remember the first time I saw the new Interstate models with the big tank and disc brake. It was the same night I received my box of bits to rebuild the 'S' Type engine. One of the colours was a deep purple/black.... it looked black under certain light and a totally different colour with the sun on it. Well after searching the web and finding a picture of one in this colour I have had it repainted. Some members referred to it unpolitely as "mauve" where as more discerning people call it "grape".

Either way I like it and it does draw a lot of comment when I park it and a crowd appears to drool nostalgically over a piece of rolling history.

Until my next rambling diatribe.....in which I might impart the story of getting the carby's to work so it ticks over without holding the throttle at traffic lights.

Tony

Tony and his "Roadster" at the Club Xmas lunch/ride. Birkenhead Tavern Nov. 2010.



Close up, it really is a stunning colour in the sun & the work that went into polishing the alloy!

CLUB RIDE. Oct. 17th.

Sunday morning dawned cold, cloudy and around 13c brrrr! Off I go to Hazelwood Park. On the way I spot Andy and Darren on their Nortons heading to Gepps X go-cart car park to meet Dave M. I soon arrive at Hazelwood Park 9.55am stay there till 10.25am no one else turned up, so I headed to Tee Tree Gully Pub to join the other club members, shortly **after I arrived Dave M and the rest arrived as well, 8 Norton Commando's and Mal on his 1950 Norton ES2 500cc single.**

Around 11.00am we all head off to Mt Pleasant via chain of ponds, Gumeracha, Birdwood **for coffee, pies and the talk about Norton's. Waiting at Mt Pleasant was Ian D.**

At around midday all ten of us headed of to Williamstown Oval to join the Barossa Valley Classic Motor Cycle Club. All nine Norton club members parked there bikes at the northern end of the oval under the shade of gum trees. At our leisure we made our way across the oval looking at the large range of Motorcycles on display. As usual there was another display of motorcycles around the oval whom had come to see the display on the oval. After some time a few of the members headed for home.

At around 1.45pm Greg from Hamley Bridge noticed that he had a flat back tyre, many thanks to Ian D and his repair kit (a bottle of green liquid with very small rubber balls in it, and small but capable 12volt compressor) all this did the trick, again many thanks Ian D, also many thanks to Andy M and son Darren M for following Greg as far as Gawler, Greg told me he arrived home safely. For all the members who attended what a great day.

NORTONS are great bike to ride . Your ride Captain Steve M.



Some times you get those shot's that say it all. There's Greg above deep in thought, with a few words of encouragement from others. Mal top right, at Mt. Pleasant having a great day, with a shot of his bike bottom right. But who's the dude with attitude below?



CLUB RIDE and CHRISTMAS LUNCH. NOV. 14th.

Sunday morning cloudy and cold about 17C . Off I go to Hazelwood Park, I arrived just before 10.00am, Rick was already there Dave and Lindsey Meldrum arrived next followed by Darren Meldrum and Dave Rocklyn. The five of us headed off into the Adelaide hills. We **rode around Summertown, Uraidla, Carey Gully up and down hills and gully's, across to Marble Hill then down the Cork-screw road onto Gorge rd past Kangaroo Creek Reservoir.**

Up to Paracombe past Highercombe Golf Club then down the hill onto Grand Junction Rd all the way to Port Adelaide and the Birkenhead Hotel where a lot of club members were waiting please take over Ian D.....

Well, nice pass there Steve! (He did have to leave shortly after arriving).

The Birk is a top venue for a club lunch with an incredible out look into the harbour at Port Adelaide. A revisit would certainly be a good thing, and knowing what to expect would help in planning a decent photo shoot. It is a pleasant blend of the old and new.

There where about 30 member's and friends gathered for a well presented meal in an enclosed patio setting, with a dozen Norton's within easy view. Oh, did I mention the beer was cold! There really is great mixture of personalities and age groups within the club, and at these types of functions I meet faces that I haven't seen before. I took just over 100 photo's on the day (isn't digital marvellous), some of which are in this issue. Boy, I tell you some of the things I had to say to get people to look at the camera even amazed me! What a shy bunch. Below we have Barry presenting Rick with a plaque and a heart felt thanks for all the work he has done for the club as an office bearer and founding member. Over the page are a few more photo's from the Xmas lunch.

Enjoy the Christmas break, stay safe, and we'll see you on the next ride, cheers Ian.



L to R Darren, Mal, Andrew, Tony & George





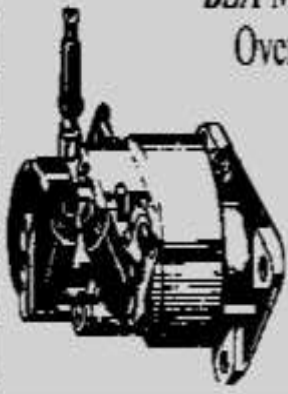
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Me Matey's!

GEORGE ON HIS WAY HOME FROM THE XMAS LUNCH

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Meeting 127 6 / 9 / 10

OPENING: President Barry Miller opened meeting at 8.20 pm & welcomed members & friends.
APOLOGIES: Bill, Tony, Steve, Andrew.
MAIL (secretary): no report.
TREASURER: \$504.70 in; \$278.30 out;
Balance: \$1800.37
RIDE REPORT : Dave M; Commandos were outnumbered on last ride; 4 bikes total - good weather considering; next ride 19th Sept, long ride to Langhorne Creek.
REGALIA: All OK; get your goodies from Dave M
GENERAL BUSINESS: Need to keep an eye on size of newsletter files; some are getting too big.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.

Meeting 128 11 / 10 / 10

OPENING: President Barry Miller opened meeting at 8.10 pm & welcomed members & friends.
PRESENT: Bill, Dave M, Dave R, Ian D, B Svenson, Mal Hamilton, Fella, Paul Knapp, Darren Meldrum, Andrew Meldrum, Richo, Ray Sims, Tony Gilliam, Barry Miller, Con, George, Andrew, Steve.
APOLOGIES: Jason.
MAIL IN: Ride Award for 2009-2010 goes to Rick;
Received Insurance certificates from TCIS - we are now insured until Oct 1st 2011;
Port Augusta Vehicle Restorers Club Rally, 6th-7th Nov, day ride to Wilmington, Quorn, Pichi Richi on 6th, dinner in Pt. Augusta, breakfast Sunday morning; Historic Vehicle display 5th Dec 12.30 pm Anzac Highway between Keswick Bridge & West Terrace, free entry;

Whitworth & BS spanners, sockets, taps & dies, etc available from Warby Tools (Qld), email sales@warbytools.com.au

Norton Big 4 Rally 27th March - 1st April, **no foolin', celebrating the Norton Big 4, over 100 years old, ride** the alpine region & south coast region of NSW with fellow Norton enthusiasts, camp at Big4 Discovery parks Jindabyne (lake frontage) & Pambula (seaside), plenty cabins, powered sites, camping - day rides; back-up trailer always nearby, check accom at www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au
contact organisers Andrew (03)97234440, or Howard nocrally11@optusnet.com.au

Veloce Publishing (Brit & Historic vehicles) offering 40% discount on most items in October www.veloce.co.uk

Brochures for Shannons Hist Vehicle Insurance, see Bill;

National Motor Museum, Birdwood, ideal for club meets, events, indoor & outdoor BBQs, welcomes club displays.

TREASURER: no report.
CLUB CAPTAIN: Good day on long ride, Victor, from Strath to Milang, refreshment, then back through Lobethal, worth doing again. Long rides are great; next ride 17th Oct leaving Hazelwood Park 10 am, also meet Gepps Cross Go-Karts, Chain-of-Ponds, Williamstown for Barossa Rally.
LIBRARY: New Roadholders, BSA Journal.
EDITOR: New mag out, all good.
REGALIA: Christmas is coming, get your mouse pads, stubbie-holders, Norton caps, Club badges, cloth badges from Dave M.
FEDERATION: News: Transport Minister & HV Registrar are preparing a report, more news when available; also, price of log books for club members raised to \$2.
GENERAL BUSINESS: Venue for Christmas lunch not yet decided, probably Birkenhead Tavern on Nov 14th; planning for group photo of members with bikes, maybe at the lunch; Adelaide dealer for new Nortons still unknown, some members very keen.

Raffle raised \$45.60 Koonunga Hill Chardonnay won by Mal.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm



RIDE CALENDAR 2011



Club Ride & Christmas Lunch. Birkenhead Tavern 14/ 11/ 2010



- 12 December:** VICTOR HARBOR RIDE
Depart 10:00 am. Top of Taps weigh bridge.
- 16 January:** HILLS RIDE Hahndorf swap meet
Depart 10.00 am. Hazelwood Park.
- 13 February:** ALL BRITISH DAY URAIDLA and HILLS RIDE
Depart 10.00 am. Hazelwood Park.
- 20 March:** BAROSSA VALLEY RIDE
Depart 10.00 am. Shell Gawler.
- 17 April:** SOUTHERN HILLS RIDE
Depart 10.00 am. Top of Taps Weigh Bridge.
- 15 May:** LOWER LAKE'S RIDE
Depart 10.00 am. Hazelwood Park.
11.30 am. Petrol stop Garage Motorcycles Strathalbyn

NOTE!! Ride calendar is prepared in advance, subject to change if a clash of dates occurs.
Check Thursdays Advertiser, club notes or call the club Captain.....