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Held on the
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From the Editor

G'day all.

Happy New Year, Merry Australia Day and welcome to 2010. I have been very fortunate to have had a number of ride days already this year. I had two weeks off work over xmas and despite the hot weather I've had the Fastback out 9 times already. I've fiddled with the isolastics, changed a timing side gasket, reset the boyer, changed oil and filter—done 3000 miles now on the engine rebuild. — its got over 70000 miles total on the speedo. (I bought it with 3800 showing) And my enjoyment of it just gets better and better. And I continue to meet some great people who share this love of "Norton".

You will read below about Ian—he has taken a leap into the abyss and will give a go to help with the magazine. I went up to Ian's and we were both novices with windows vista but we managed to punch out this magazine together. He emailed it to me—I put it on a stick drive(cos I use a Mac now) and then brought it out to the shed where I've set up my old Windows XP computer. Somehow I've managed to get them all talking and the result is you are all reading this. Ian has probably less computer knowledge than me when I started (and believe me I had a lot to learn!) and yet he is willing to give it a go.

Its a bit like owning a Norton for the first time —theres a lot to learn—but in the Club we share info , knowledge, support—ideas and enthusiasm. I'd really like to thank Ian for offering to help to Club by assisting me with the magazine and hopefully when hes ready take the reins for a while—because like with our bikes—we are all only custodians for a future generation.

Dave (Ive been out riding) Fastback

From the understudy,

Hello and welcome, I'm Ian, your new editor in training.

With a lot of help from Fastback Dave to get started I hope to be able to give him a needed rest. As with any change new idea's are bound to creep in, and any guidance is welcome, as I am approachable, unlike the Norton, and will listen to constructive criticism.

I purchased my first Norton nearly 3yrs ago, a life long desire [a mid life crisis according to she who must be obeyed], after seeing my first one as a 15yr old, and have been a member of the club for almost 2yrs.

The willingness to help from those in the club who have had Norton's since year dot, has been priceless, and an encouragement.

In this issue you will notice a call for contribution's, they don't have to be big, they can be technical, a shameless free plug, feature story of a rally, even an amusing story, and of course photo's of you and your bike, and even the family pet, on the bike, it's up to your imagination.

At the end of the day the value of the club is the sum total of it's member's.

I can be reached by email at: iandelaine@y7mail.com

And remember, don't be good, be good at it!

Hear from you all soon , kindest regards Ian .

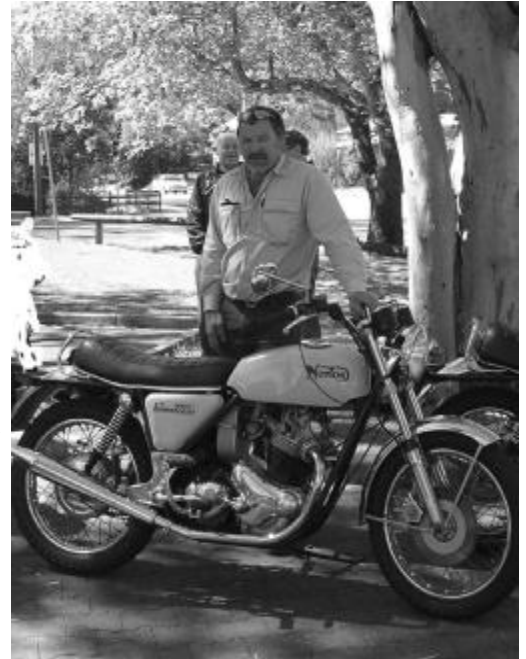
Hello to all members.

Ah, Christmas and new year is finally over. All those family get togethers are done and dusted and Santa doesn't have to think about presents for another year. Time to repolish the bike and do some more riding while the weather is good. While out riding keep an eye open for any venues suitable for a midyear or end of year function and pass the suggestions on at any of the meetings. Perhaps a lunch down at the Port (wonderful area with a two fantastic football teams) would be an idea.

One good cafe for anyone out riding in the northern hills is the Pomegranate opposite the Birdwood Mill, obviously in Birdwood, a nice setting with good food and coffee.

That's all for now as I am off to polish the bike for the hills ride to the Hahndorf swap meet with the club.

*Adios,
El Presidente*



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Cover Shot: Main Photo "This was sent in by proud new owner Jerome. Bought to be ridden, no doubt will be seen on a club ride soon !



Xmas BBQ December meeting.....

Our December meeting was well attended, and good to see some new faces too. The business side of things was kept short , and we enjoyed a great BBQ—well done on the sausages guys and thanks to the ladies for some delicious salads. A great line up of NORTONS was there for us all to admire.



TOY RUN 2009

The toy run had one of the biggest turn outs ever this year. I didn't see too many other Nortons—probably cos they were all on the Club ride!
Lesley and I took the ol Fastback, as usual and caught up with ol friends down on Anzac Hwy before joining the tail end of the bikes. We then deposited our pressies at the oval before heading off to rendezvous with friends at Grumpys for a fantastic pizza, washed down with a cleansing ale. A good day was had by all.

Cheers
Dave R





REMEMBER ...

**Club Membership fees are due !
Log Books also require updating !**

HISTORIC REGISTRATION

**Remember to fill out your log book before the ride,
and carry it with you.**

**You must be a financial member of the club or your
historic rego is not valid and the log book should be
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December ride

Victor Harbor

The last ride of the year down to Victor has become one of the more popular amongst the members; a dozen riders at the start point of the top of taps weigh bridge made an impressive site with a couple more joining the group along the way. When I became club captain I was asked if I could organize a couple of rides down south to cater for 'the southern boys' yet this ride always has a big turn out from the Northern district's not that I am complaining (for a change) just glad to see all those Norton's out on a ride. Steve as usual had us touring around on the small country roads over to myponga and a quick coffee and scrounge stop at the local markets with a couple of members finding a bargain or two, this out of the way it was back to riding on the small back roads into Victor harbor a fine shower of rain welcomed us to the town but not enough to make it uncomfortable. A lunch stop at the pub had the usual conversation of Norton with the line of 'unapproachable's attracting a group of admirers. After lunch it was over to Middleton and then inland towards Meadows going along the Ashbourne road i think this stretch of road would have to be one of the best rides in the hills! Stopping at meadows gave the group a chance to exchange xmas and New Year wishes then splitting up and heading home, a good time had by all. See if you can make the next club ride you and your NORTON will enjoy it. Dave

January ride

Hahndorf swap meet / hills ride

The sound of rain on the bedroom window in the early hours of Sunday morning was a sign of things to come!! As I arrived at the Hazel wood park start point I noticed only a couple of members wearing water proofs! Have to think positive I thought the dark clouds will blow away and things will be bright and sunny! as we headed off into the hills we would have traveled a couple of miles and the rain started as a fine sprinkle by the time we had made it to Summertown it was pouring and stayed with us until we arrived at the oval, due to the weather most of the swap meet had either packed up or had tarps over the goods for sale so not only were we wet but also did not have anything to look at! Not a good start for the first ride of the year. After a quick look around the topic of conversation was for most people to head for home with a couple of riders already on the way! The 'wet bum' was starting to turn into a cold wet bum' so I decided to head for the lobethal café for a coffee and dry out a bit with the group agreeing we headed off just as the sun started to come out and the ride over to the café in sun shine turned out to be a enjoyable trip, stopping at lobethal we had 10 Norton's and a AJS twin all in a line this had a few of the pub lunch crowd come out for a look. Standing in the sunshine with the pants drying out and the hot coffee warming up the insides' it was decided to carry on with the ride over to Williams-town this part of the run in bright sunshine with blue sky hard to believe this was the same day! The ride ended at Williamstown with everybody agreeing that it had turned in to a good first ride of the year ride after all! So it just proves any day is a good day to go for a ride on the NORTON (and one AJS to) Dave



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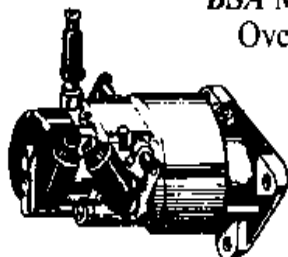
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Meeting # 118

2 / 11 / 09

OPENING: Vice-President Con opened the meeting at 8.10 pm & welcomed members & friends.

PRESENT: Bill, Mal Hamilton, Rick, John Oakes, A Meldrum, D Meldrum, B Svenson, Ray Hughes, Con, Steve Adkins, Paul Knapp, Dave M, Andrew, Steve Mulhern, Jason Ward, Ray Sims.

APOLOGIES: Barry, Tony.

MINUTES (previous): Cruise for Critters, helping RSPCA, Nov 8th, Victoria Hotel, Top of Taps, 10 am.

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Victor Harbour Rock & Roll Festival, Sept 17-19, 2010, save the date; Weekend Wanderers Australia Day Weekend Tour at Mount Gambier, Sunday's run to Penola via Kalangadoo, Jan 24th.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Reminder letters to members for subs.

TREASURER: \$285.50 in; \$120 out; Balance: \$1,461.56

CLUB CAPTAIN: Next ride Christmas Lunch Nov 15th, Hazelwood Park 10 am, run planned by Steve, 12.30 at hotel - if you come by car take the back way through Mt. Barker - dinner in Dining Room, Echunga Hotel, don't miss it!! Last ride to BV Classic Rally - great bikes to look at, great weather, good turnout - we need corner spotters if numbers are up on a ride.

LIBRARY: New Oily Rag.

EDITOR: New Mag out, see Dave - still looking for a deputy editor; Next Mag will have some really good photos from Steve.

REGALIA: T-shirts, caps, stubby holders, stickers - see Dave - I'll do you a deal.

FED REP: no news.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Vic NOC is putting together a rally in a couple of years for all Australian Norton clubs, probably in highlands of Victoria - similar to recent International Rally; next meeting Christmas BBQ: set up to use gas hose, cylinder, meat from Paul, salads from Geraldine & Ray; Historic Hillclimb at Collingrove - Dave R saw Ed & Leila there, Ed's off his walking stick & getting his hip working - almost ready to ride a motorbike again - has his licence again - Leila in fine form - Vet & Vintage bikes at Hillclimb; Dave will organise a T-shirt for Tex. Raffle raised \$42.15. Bottle of red won by Ray.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.



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 DEPART 10.00am HAZELWOOD PARK
- 7 March Get up early - Campbelltown Swap Meet, then join the
HILLS - MT BARKER RIDE Power of the past Show?
 DEPART 10.00 am HAZELWOOD PARK
- 21 March Clare swap Meet
- 18 APRIL **BAROSSA VALLEY RIDE**
 DEPART 10.00am SHELL GAWLER
- 16 MAY **SOUTHERN HILLS RIDE**
 DEPART 10.00am TOP OF TAPS WEIGH BRIDGE
- 20 JUNE **NORTHERN RIDE**
 DEPART 10.00am GEPPS X GO KARTS

NOTE!! Ride calendar is prepared in advance, date or direction may change if a clash of dates occurs, Come to a meeting, check Thursdays Advertiser Club Notes, or call the club Captain.....