

# MOTORCYCLE RIDE WEEK

4 - 9  
October  
2020

PROGRAMME  
INSIDE



Join 7 SA Motorcycle clubs on a week of rides



September - November 2020





## EVENTS CALENDAR



*Runs are going ahead but are subject to the government regulations of social distancing and group sizes*

Check [www.classicowners.org](http://www.classicowners.org) for updates or ring  
Run / Event organiser

- 27 Sept Bay to Birdwood 40th Anniversary Run  
27 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride [www.gentlemansride.com](http://www.gentlemansride.com)  
4-8 October MRW Motorcycle Ride Week (see page 12-13)

## MOPED RUN DATES

Contact Co-ordinators Warren 8388 1770 Alan 8295 5097  
2020 MOPED PLUS CALENDAR

11 Oct Mt. Barker 6 Dec Birkenhead — Glenelg

## MID-WEEK RUN DATES

Meet at Hazelwood Park, Hawthorn Cres. Hazelwood Park  
- all types and makes of motorcycles welcome

Meet at 9.30 for 10.00am start

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month *Ride destination decided on the day*

## WEEKEND RUN DATES

Weekend runs take place on the first convenient Sunday after the  
General Meeting Contact Alan 0429 093 821

DATE	DESTINATION	MEET	START TIME
30 Aug	Ride to Palmer Hotel	Magill Foodland, Magill Rd.	9:30 for 10:00am
27 Sept	Angaston	Civic Park Modbury	9:30 for 10:00am

Contact Club Captain Louis for details of October and November Runs or  
check [www.classicowners.org](http://www.classicowners.org) 'Up coming Events'

## FROM THE CHAIR



Hi All,

This past year has been an interesting year on several fronts. We are now fully settled in at the West Croydon and Kilkenny RSL, the club library and our paraphernalia is able to be stored there as well. Due to the Corvid 19 some of our meetings and events had to be cancelled, but we are mostly back normal now with the appropriate health restrictions. The planned FOM has been modified and is now called MRW, see pages 12-13 of this edition, and for more information see our website for more details [www.classicowners.org](http://www.classicowners.org)

Our membership keeps growing, often 2 or 3 new members each month. I would like to thank the committee members for their efforts during the year. A special thanks to Barry Young who has decided not to stand for the position of Social Secretary. Barry has done a great job over the years and will be a tough act to follow. Thankfully, Lew Hilton has agreed to fill the position for this year only.

Congratulations to our Clubman of the Year Adrian Howe and our new Life Member Bob Freeman Jnr.

**Bob Cole President**

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS



This quarter has seen the club coming back to life in the world of the new normal. Rides are now unrestricted, until you reach a bakery, and we have been able to run general meetings with appropriately distanced chairs. Log book day was able to be held in much the same form as in the past, and the club was even able to participate with a display of bikes in a Lone Pine Ceremony at the RSL see page 18 . There has been one casualty of the pandemic: the **2020 Festival Of Motorcycling**. The number of events held inside at venues like Hart's Mill meant wasted money on advertising if we had to cancel and if we went ahead hefty fines if Covid regulations were breached. Therefore, the organising committee of motorcycle clubs opted to run an alternate event: **Motorcycle Ride Week**. The indoor events were dropped, but the week of rides are to go ahead. The programme is printed on pages 13-14; full details and registration are on [www.classicowners.org/mrw](http://www.classicowners.org/mrw) . You are sure to find a ride for every rider and type of bike or scooter together with a chance to meet up with the members of other SA motorcycle clubs who are organising the rides. Don't forget to send your photos and stories from the rides to the *Courier*.

**Trevor Jones Editor**

## OBITUARIES



### Malcom Gray

COMCC member, Malcolm Gray, has passed away. Malcolm has been a member since 2005. Malcolm was an enthusiastic member and participant in many of our events; he will be sadly missed.

Our sincere condolences go to his family and friends.

**Charles Oliver Secretary**

## 2020 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 27th September

You are invited to join with me in supporting this worthwhile cause in support of Men's Health by making your personal donation.

If you log on to [www.gentlemansride.com](http://www.gentlemansride.com) follow the prompts to donate your preference to support Men's Health.

Please try not to ignore this extremely important foundation in supporting this cause.

Last year throughout the world we raised in excess of several million dollars to support these Men's Health.

**Brian 'Nip' Kuerschner**

## NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to the club is extended to...



6040 Colin Tilby	6042 Kevin Hannaford
6043 David Lomman	6044 Geoff Smart
6045 Michael Ineson	6046 Russell Billing
6047 Guy Greening	6048 Bryan Fahy
6049 Geoff Brereton	6050 Matt Randell

## MOPEDS PLUS

Co-ordinators: Warren 8388 1770  
Alan 8295 5097



### STRATHALBYN RUN REPORT - 14th JUNE 2020

#### Motorcycles

David Saint 1966 Puch 250cc

Peter Arriola 1957 James 147cc

John Groeschel 1995 BMW 1000cc

Adrian How 2004 BMW 1200cc

#### Scooter

#### Mopeds

Alan Wallis 1950 Tilbrook 197cc

Warren Duncan 2002 Honda 250cc

Tony Earnshaw 1974 BMW 600cc

Paul David 1950 Ambassador 197cc

Graham Riley 1960 Vespa 125cc

Rob Smyth 1970 Motobecane 50cc

Ian Roddie 1951 NSU 49cc

Ian Voysey 1948 Malvern Star 98cc

#### Autobyk

### An apology was received from Roger O'Loughlin

From the outset the planning of this event presented a challenge. Firstly, being the first Moped event after a period where all ride activities had been suspended on account of the COVID 19 pandemic, this ride had to conform with the remaining restrictions still in place. Secondly, there was not a lot of time between the relaxation of controls and the due date for the run, such that fairly swift action was required to get the message out to riders that a run can proceed. With this in hand, enquiries had to be made to find eateries which would be willing to feed a dozen or so hungry and cold motorcyclists at a morning tea and the lunch break. This plan was complete on the Friday before the run, when the Sails Restaurant at Clayton Bay, our normal lunch option, rang to say that due to a health issue with staff, they would not be open on the day! With only a few alternatives available, our new plan was established with the cooperation of the friendly staff at the Finnis General Store and given a test run on the day before the event.

The ride departed on a new route covering the same area, travelling clockwise instead of anticlockwise, with morning tea at Milang and lunch at Finnis.

Unfortunately, the "NSU Quickly" was quickly returned to the back of Ian Roddie's utility when a cable broke at the start. It took no further part in proceedings, but the remainder of the field made good time down to Langhorne Creek. As the group approached Milang following the shores of Lake Alexandrina, it became obvious that strong South Westerly winds were going to be an issue for the rest of the ride. Morning tea at Milang was a brief stop. Riders proceeded non-stop from there via Clayton Bay to Finnis in order to arrive on time for the planned lunch at 12 Noon. Across the flat country ap-

proaching Finnis, we are accustomed to being buffeted by evil winds and this trip was no exception. Lunch at Finnis was excellent. Because of the poor weather conditions, there were few travellers about, and we had practically the whole covered outdoor area (with wood heater) to ourselves. Departure after the break was about 1.45pm. The long, straight road back toward Milang provided an opportunity to feel the effects of the South-Westerly as a tailwind, giving surprising performance from all the bikes. From the outskirts of Milang, the ride traversed a route which had never previously been included in a Moped Plus event. Called the Nine Mile Road, this fully sealed and mainly straight road afforded a quick return to the starting point at Strathalbyn. There was plenty to indicate that the frontal system forecast for the afternoon was about to arrive, but it was not easy to make haste with the very strong gusty wind once again at right angles to the road for most of the distance. Intermittent clusters of trees to the left of the road at times masked the wind; but as these trees passed the effect of the wind suddenly increased. The *Advertiser Newspaper* published the morning after the ride featured an article covering an accident on the Nine Mile Road, Strathalbyn, in the early morning of our ride, where a car suddenly left the road and hit a tree. The driver was taken to hospital by ambulance! On this final leg of the ride, the rain started just as the ride ended. Those who returned to the Adelaide area by bike would have had a wet journey. Overall a good day, but one to challenge the participants' motorcycling skills. Our thanks go to those who assisted with marshalling duties under difficult conditions, to Alan Wallis as tail-end Charlie, and to Wayne Williams for providing the back-up vehicle for the day.

## **WILLIAMSTOWN WANDER - 2 August 2020**

### **Participants**

<b>Motorcycles</b>	Adrian How 2004 BMW 1200cc
Pud Freeman 2013 Honda 125cc	John Groeschel 1994 BMW 1000cc
Roger O'Loughlin 1988 Suzuki 650cc	G Christie 2003 Suzuki 600cc
Tony Earnshaw 1972 Yamaha 125cc	Peter Arriola 1957 James 147cc
Mick Hayes 2018 Suzuki 650cc	Warren Duncan 2002 Honda 250cc
A Wallis 1950 Tilbrook 197cc	David Saint 1957 BMW 250cc
<b>Scooter</b>	Graham Riley 1956 Vespa 125cc
<b>Moped</b>	Rob Smyth 1970 Motobecane 50cc
<b>Autobyk</b>	Ian Voysey 1948 Malvern Star 98cc Autobyk

Looking back at the report for this ride in 2019, the presence of two 'retired



*Rob's Motobecane takes a breather*

riders' Robert (Pud) Freeman and Alan Martin was noted. They had travelled to Williamstown by car to observe the Moped ride. One year later, the retired Robert joined the rider list at Williamstown once more, this time on a Honda 125cc machine!

The ride departed about 10.30 am for Springton and on this leg of the journey Rob Smyth's usually indestructible Motobecane broke down and had to be trailed through to the lunch break. Again, looking back at the ride report of 2019 for

this event, this same machine seemed to be losing power toward the end of the day. This power loss was later identified when Rob discovered part of his left boot had been machined away by contact with the exposed flywheel. During a very pleasant lunch break at Angaston, a fouled spark plug was dealt with and the Motobecane and Rob resumed the rest of the ride. All the other bikes performed well on a fine day for riding in the Barossa Valley. We should acknowledge the assistance of the Marshalls, Roger O' Loughlin, Mick Hayes, and Tony Earnshaw, and our backup vehicle operator Wayne Williams.

**Warren Duncan**



*Last minute tuning before the start*

**NEXT RUN:** Mount Barker Burble  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**MEET:** 9.30 for 10am start @Lions Club Car park – Mt.Barker, RHS  
Mt. Barker to Flaxley Rd.

**RUN:** Morning - Mt. Barker/ Echunga/ Meadows Bakery/Macclesfield/  
Mt.Barker for lunch

Afternoon - Mt.Barker/Littlehampton//Balhannah/Oakbank/  
Woodside/Nairne/ Mt.Barker ( 40kms am - 40 kms pm )

**REMEMBER:** These runs cater for the slower rider, back-up trailer always provided.



## WEEKEND RUNS

### **RIDE TO MANNUM - Sunday 31st May**

Our first official, post-COVID-19 Sunday run was a modest, but never-the-less successful and enjoyable day for the faithful few. Only five members braved the formidable obstacles of a pandemic and the weather. As it turned out, neither of these proved insurmountable.

In order of appearance were:

*Louis Peilschmidt - 2019 Yamaha Teneré 700; Kym Miller – 2013 Triumph T120 870; Charles Oliver – 2015 Triumph Street Triple 675; David Saint – 1973 BMW R60/5 600; Alan Kernich – 1976 Triumph T140V 750.*

After a brief consultation regarding the current and forecast weather, it was decided to change our destination from the south coast village of Middleton to the more inland Mount Pleasant for a morning coffee dose. Up through Norton Summit, Basket Range, Lenswood, Lobethal and then on to Mount Torrens and Tungkillo to Mount Pleasant. There were some wet roads initially, with the added thrill of a bit of diesel near Basket Range, but further on conditions were ideal.

Morning coffee turned into a leisurely brunch; and in view of still threatening weather, we headed straight to the Mannum ferry, crossed the river and then headed downstream to Murray Bridge and back towards Adelaide along the Old Princes Highway. We finally encountered our only inclement conditions of the trip between Littlehampton and the city. Only a little light rainfall. By the time we reached the plains, the sun was out again in time to make bike cleaning not quite the chore it could have been.

Thanks for your company to those who came on the run. Once again, a very enjoyable day out.

### **RIDE TO JERVOIS AND MANNUM - Sunday 28th June**

What a glorious mid-winter day! Blue skies and no wind. Seventeen club members took advantage of the conditions and met at Hawthorn Crescent for the run. There were six historic and eleven modern bikes on the starting line.

The historics in order of descending (machine) age were:

Phil Allen 1966 Norton Commando 750cc; Charles Oliver 1967 Triumph T120R 650cc; David Saint 1973 BMW R60/5 600cc; Ray Hill 1974 BMW R90 900cc; Ed Lowrey 1975 BMW R90S 900cc; Alan Kernich 1985 BMW R80 800cc.

And the moderns in no particular order WERE: Graeme Bartlett 2002 Kawasaki W650 650cc; Wayne Williams 2010 Kawasaki Versys 650cc; Bernie Burton 1995 Suzuki Bandit 600cc; Graham Riley 2016 Indian Scout 1200cc; Louis Peilschmidt 2000 Moto Guzzi California 1100cc; Tony Mitchell 2020 KTM ADV 390cc; Kym Miller 2013 Triumph T100 865cc; Garry Varney 2009 Kawasaki 900 Custom 900cc; Martin Blindell 2016 Royal Enfield 500cc; Trevor McDonald 2015 Yamaha MT09 850cc; Campbell Blaney 2001 Yamaha FZ 1000cc.



Louis and his Moto Guzzi Californian

We set off on time for a very pleasant amble to Littlehampton via Summertown, Verdun, and Hahndorf (where there was a queue at the bakery and an Ariel Square 4 parked in the Main Street!).

Coffee and cake in the sunshine at the Littlehampton Bakery and plenty of bike-oriented conversation – what could be nicer? Here we were joined by Phillippe Reeves in what must be the flashiest club run support vehicle that I am aware of – an Alfa Romeo. (2010 10 ALFA ROMEO 159 1.7L TBI TI 4d

200 BHP – unless I'm mistaken).

After a relaxed break, it was off once again along the Old Princes Highway past Callington and a right turn just west of Murray Bridge along Old Swan Port Road which bypasses the Bridge and leads on to the Jervois road and the Taillem Bend ferry.

On the other side of the river, we headed north through the Mallee country. Boy, this looks a picture now compared to when we last saw it. Green as far as the eye could see.



Phil Allen's Norton Commando



Waiting for the Jervois ferry

Turning left on Bowhill Road and then sharp right on to Burdett Road, we made our way to the ferry at Mannum only to find that the bakery in the main street is closed on Sundays. More the fool them as there were literally hundreds of people in town. We made do with fish and chips and enjoyed a pleasant repast in the park down by the river. Many of the world's problems were discussed, but I'm pretty sure none were solved.

The homeward run degenerated as usual into an 'every man for himself' affair, but a slightly more dedicated group managed the wonderful ascent of Angus Valley road via Apamurra and Millendella to Mount Pleasant.

Many riders found their own way home from there. In the end, it was only two BMWs on the final few kilometres back to the city via Chain of Ponds

and North East Road. 245kms for me and one of the best days ever. Thanks to all those who made it such a successful and sociable outing.

**Alan Kernich Club Captain**

Thanks to Alan Kernich for his comprehensive accounts of the Weekend Runs during his tenure as Club Captain, and welcome to Louis Peilschmidt whose first Weekend Ride Report follows. **Editor**

### ***Ride to Rapid Bay / Second Valley, 9th August***

13 starters met at Caltex at O'Halloran Hill which started as a lovely winter morning! Blue skies and no wind. There were six historic, seven modern bikes, and two Harleys on the starting. Two Harleys on a run must be a record.

The historic machines were:

*Charles Oliver 1959 BSA A10SR; Ray Hill 1974 BMW R90 900cc;*

*Ed Lowrey 1975 BMW R90S 900cc; Alan Kernich 1985 BMW R80 800cc;*

*Allan Vaisham 1971 Honda 450T; John France 1970 Harley Electra Glide*

And the moderns in no particular order,

Wayne Williams 2010 Kawasaki Versys 650cc; Graham Riley 2016 Indian

Scout 1200cc; Louis Peilschmidt 2000 Moto Guzzi California 1100cc;

Tony Mitchell 2020 KTM ADV 390cc; Trevor McDonald 2015 Yamaha MT09

850cc; Campbell Blaney 2009 Harley XR1200; David Saint 2012 BMW

R1200RT.



*The usual suspects at Myponga Bakery (NICE HARLEY)*

This is my first official club run as Captain and if getting riders dislodged from the official route, then I was a resounding success! We set off towards Clarendon where along the way riders thought of a better route and turned left up Chambers Hill Road for which to my recollection I hadn't posted a corner marker. Fortunately, in the morning briefing, I mentioned that we were stopping at Myponga for brunch. We met up along the way with most of the dissidents.

After refreshments, we set off towards Rapid Bay via Yankalilla, Parawa and Delamere. We encountered misty conditions with heavy low-lying clouds, just enough to be annoying and to dampen one's spirit. We arrived at Rapid Bay for a tourist / toilet stop minus Charles, who took an unscheduled pit stop, but never re-joined the pack.

We departed to Second Valley just up the road for another refreshment stop. Then we returned via Myponga dam for a quick tourist stop. The temperature had dropped since the morning; so rather than the scenic route home, it was the quickest way! That was my executive decision.

I'm looking for all members' help to make these club rides memorable and interesting. So if you know of an interesting destination or an event that could be the focus for a ride please email me [louispeilschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:louispeilschmidt@gmail.com) I don't want to be governed by the confines of "Café Racer Mentality", where the group is riding from food stop to food stop. I personally feel that this is restrictive. I am of the opinion that bringing your own refreshments will allow stops to be made centred around scenery or POI (point of interest), rather than the next

McDonalds. My intention is, typically to stop once for brunch then aim for a POI. I am happy to receive comments positive or other. Stay sunny side up.

**Louis Peilschmidt**

**Club Captain.**



*Another Dam stop*



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DETAILS  
CORRECT AT  
TIME OF PRINTING  
Rides subject to  
Government  
Health Regulations



Registration, cost, further details, and route maps etc. at [www.classicowners.org/mrw](http://www.classicowners.org/mrw)

or click on the logo



**ALL RIDES ARE OPEN TO ANY TYPE OR MAKE OF  
MOTORCYCLE AND SCOOTER**

**Sunday 4th Oct Motorcycle Only Swap Meet & Show, Balhannah**  
Motorcycle Swap Meet and Show at the Balhannah Oval, Balhannah, in the Adelaide Hills, organised by the Veteran & Vintage MCC SA.  
Starts at about 7am and ends around midday.

There will be a ride to the oval organised by the BSA Owners Club SA starting at Beaumont Rd, Adelaide, off Greenhill Rd – meet at 7:30am for an 8am start. The South Australia Police Historical Society will be leading the ride. Riders can enter the Trophy competition.

**Monday 5th Oct Veteran, Vintage & Small Bikes Rally, Mannum**

For veteran, vintage, small bikes, scooters and sidecars – to be held at Mannum, next to the magnificent River Murray 80 kms from Adelaide. Organised by the Veteran, & Vintage MCC SA.  
All bikes welcome and a back-up trailer will be on hand.  
Two rides scheduled– short and long route. Meet at the car park next to the Mannum Ferry at 9:00am, where there will also be a display of vintage & veteran bikes.

**Tuesday 6th Oct Adelaide Hills Ride**

Norton Motorcycle Club SA ride in the Adelaide Hills.  
**Meet 9:30 for a 10am start** at Hawthorn Crescent, Hazelwood Park. Stop at the Amberlight Cafe, Lobethal, a regular motorcyclist's mecca in the Hills, then on to Birdwood and a visit to the National Motor Museum. This ride is NOT restricted to just Norton bikes; ALL makes and years of bikes are welcome.

**Wednesday 7th Oct Barossa Valley Ride**

Classic Owners MCC SA ride to the Barossa Valley. Ride through the scenic vineyards of the Barossa Valley.  
**Meet at 8:30 for a 9am start** at The Tea Tree Gully Hotel car park near the corner of Haines Rd & North East Rd. Lunch at Lyndoch in the Barossa Valley. ALL makes and years of bikes are welcome.

**Thursday 8th Oct Southern Vales Ride**

BSA Owners Club SA ride in the Southern Vales.  
**Meet at 9:00 for a 9:30am start** at the Holdfast Model Aero Club, cnr Majors Rd & Lonsdale Hwy, Trott Park. Morning tea available at Hunt Field Airfield, including inspection of half a dozen old aircraft, and lunch at the Goolwa RSL/Lions. A small bike run will be run simultaneously intersecting with the main ride. ALL makes and years of bikes welcome.

**Friday 9th Oct Track Day, Mallala**

Ducati Owners Club SA Track Day at Mallala Motorsport Park, Aerodrome Rd, Mallala approx 55 kms from Adelaide. Come and ride your bike at the track (competitor fee applicable) or just come along and watch the action for FREE. Refreshments will be available for competitors. This event run in conjunction with the Historic Motor Cycle Racing Register of SA.

The Triumph Riders Club will lead a ride to the track for spectators, leaving Hart's Mill, Mundy St, Port Adelaide at 8:30 am.

# COMCC A.G.M.



Corona virus and some very cold weather did not deter members, and the 2020 A.G.M. was well attended. After the General Meeting, Life member Ken Hartland took over the chair and held the election for the 2020 - 2021 Committee.

There were no big changes in the Committee personnel: one retirement, one change of role, and the addition of one new face.

Retiring Social Secretary and Vice President Barry Young received thanks for his long service on the Committee especially for the many years as Social Secretary. This position was not filled at the meeting but Lew Hylton has now volunteered to take over this position.

Alan Kernich moved from Club Captain to the position of Vice President and remains the Club Librarian. New face on the Committee is Louis Peilschmidt who takes over the Club Captain position.

TJ

## COMCC CCOMMITTEE 2020-21

**Life Member** Robert Freeman jr.

**Clubman of the Year** Adrian Howe

**President** Bob Cole

**Vice President** Alan Kernich

**Secretary** Charles Oliver

**Treasurer** Graham Riley

**Machine Registrar** Bob Finnie

**Social Secretary** Lew Hylton

**Club Captain** Louis Peilschmidt

**Membership Secretary** Ed Lowrey

**Magazine Editor** Trevor Jones

**Website Editor** Charles Oliver

**Librarian** Alan Kernich

**Special Events** Lew Hylton

**Club Regalia** Evangeline Finnie

**Photographer** David Byford

**Federation Rep** Bob Cole

**Moped Co-ordinators**

Alan Wallis and Warren Duncan

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS WITH BIKES ON CLUB (Historic) REGISTRATION

Machine Registrars will now only deal with Log Books and Registration at Meetings-

**Committee Meeting** 3rd Tuesday of every month

**General Meetings** 4th Tuesday every month

West Croydon & Kilkeny RSL, 19 Rosetta St., West Croydon.

Membership Sec. Ed Lowrey reminds members it is essential that they inform the club of any changes to their contact details. Apart from generally keeping you up to date with club events via email or the *Classic Courier*, at the end of the financial year it is important that you can be contacted.

Any member with Club (Classic) Registration who has not renewed their club membership must, by law be reported to Motor Rego and their bike registration is automatically cancelled.

This will cause you a lot of hassle which can be averted with a reminder email or phone call.

**CHANGED YOUR**  
- ADDRESS  
- EMAIL  
- PHONE NUMBER ?



## The Importance of THE...

Machine registrar Bob Finnie recently pointed out the official name of our club is **THE** Classic Owners Motor Cycle Club Inc. It seems like a small point, but Bob says Motor Rego. is often stumped when members give their club as 'Classic Owners Motor Cycle Club'. Eliciting the 'Computer says no' response. So remember when identifying your club to officials: don't forget the definite article!



## FROM THE ARCHIVE

**Life Member Charlie Brown sent the 'Courier' two photos: one from the 1980s of a club ride where a Honda RC 30 was among the contingent, and one of a side car building former member...**



Racers 'Paso – Phil and the RC30'. Pittmans (I think) received one of the first Honda Production superbike racers. They honoured the COMCC by trusting us to use and evaluate it on one of our club runs (ask Phil about it). In a recent TV programme, it was featured as a collectors' item and some had changed hands for at least \$100,000.

**I did ask Phil, and he replied...**

Oh, that was a while ago; 1988, I think. The Honda is a VFR750 RC30 which is a thinly disguised race bike designed to win road races (Isle of Man etc.). As such, a very capable and potent toy for the road racer and track, of course. It still remains the best motorcycle I have ever had the opportunity to experience even above the best Ducati offered even later! This bike was not produced on the normal production line of Honda but by Honda Racing Corporation (HRC) as hand-built units. My Paso was no match for this bike in any way other than exhaust note!!

I had a very lively ride on it and didn't want to hand it back! I only used five of its gears, as no one told me there were six. It didn't need the sixth to impress me!

**The pictures of the RC30 stirred my memory and I found this photo in my album**



That's my Moto Guzzi with the black fairing, my brother's Ducati Laguna Seca, Phil's Paso, and a Honda RC30 belonging to Murray (?). At that point my memory ceased stirring.

TJ

**Remember Les Duffield?** An early member in the founding years of the COMCC, Les was an adventurer. He worked in a sidecar factory in England and consequently built his own beautiful sidecars- all called 'Thrasher'. He lived behind Yatala Prison down 'Hoods lane'. On one of his daring rides - he thought nothing of travelling alone - he came upon another equally old bloke in shorts trotting along the Strzeleckie Track with about a litre of water in one hand and a package of food in the other. On enquiry, he learnt that the old codger was attempting to set a world record of running the track-

**Les Duffield at the Clubman Rally 1981 Jingellic NSW**

both ways. He'd buried his water and food, then run back the mile or two to eat and drink the last pack he buried, before coming back for this one. Hope he didn't lose his memory on the way. I almost lost mine writing this! I don't know if he set the record, but Les didn't make it to Birdsville. He crashed into a tree after suffering a heart attack and losing control. He returned home after experiencing the Flying Doctor, etc. and being told by all and sundry "What a silly old sod he was". That was the end of his motorcycling days.

**Barry Young found this photo in a 1951 copy of 'Motor Cycling'. It appears the Czechoslovakian authorities had predicted COVID 19 sixty nine years ago and had devised a system for 'social distancing' for motorcyclists.**







## West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL Open Day and Lone Pine Planting

The West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL invited the COMCC to display their bikes Sunday 16 August as part of an Open Day and Lone Pine planting Ceremony at the RSL Club. The RSL Club had obtained a seedling propagated from the Lone Pine at the Australian War Memorial in the ACT.

The COMCC, the BSA OC and the V&V contributed to the twenty plus bikes on display plus one car. The bikes were mostly British, and the ages ranged from the 1930s onwards. Given the occasion, the stars of the show were probably the four ex-army olive green BSA solos, replete with accessories-tin helmet, radio telephone and canvas saddle bags.

After the tree planting, the large crowd enjoyed afternoon tea in the RSL club and were entertained by the Army jazz band.

TJ



Khaki Beezas



Local MHR  
Steve Georganas  
completes the planting



Bob Finnie manoeuvres his  
Chrysler Royal for the  
photographer. Bob tells me if  
he switches on the radio, he  
can listen to Bob Menzies.



Part of the COMCC  
contingent



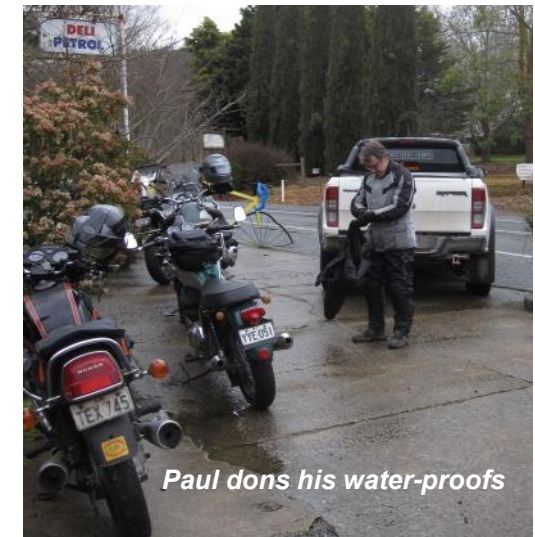
## MID-WEEK RUNS



Mid-weekers had to dodge the elements this winter quarter and conditions were varied, but it was always very cold. There seemed to be a few more pairs of heated hand grips and gloves than in past years. The best day was probably the first Wednesday in July. Richard led a ride to Mannum via Birdwood. About twenty starters enjoyed a sunny start but wisely headed for home early afternoon as strong winds came in bringing rain in the late afternoon, by which time I'm sure we were all home. The worst day was the third Tuesday in August. Overcast but encouraging enough for six of us to turn up at Hazelwood Park. Paul led us on a rainy ride to Cuddlee Creek for morning coffee and one rhubarb crumble. Wayne followed us in his car and expressed no regrets about not being on his bike. The three hardies rode on while the rest of us headed home for an early shower. TJ



Tony's tidy KTM



Paul dons his water-proofs



Afternoon stop in Mt. Pleasant





Cold lunch stop in Lyndoch

## TECHNICAL TIP

### Top tip from a 1960s Triumph manual for refitting your chain the correct way!

When fitting the spring clip fastener on the connecting link, care must be taken to ensure correct fitting. The fastener is roughly the shape of a fish, and, if it is remembered that a fish swims nose first and the fastener is fitted so that the nose (closed end) is always proceeding in the forward direction when the machine is running, the fitter will have an easy aid to memory.



## FOR SALE & WANTED

Check  
[www.classicowners.org](http://www.classicowners.org)



For Sale & Wanted ads will run for two issues. Placement of ads restricted to Club members only.

### FOR SALE

#### 1 Yamaha and 3 Hondas

From the estate of Les Tapping

#### Yamaha 1980 XV750

- missing carb. and starter motor
- speedo reads 75,315 kms
- rego TFT 820

#### Honda 1985 CBX250

- appears complete but partially disassembled
- rego THK-599

#### Honda 1984 CBX250

- starter motor turns, over but won't

start 17,221 kms – rego TGU643

#### Honda XR250R FTR

- chassis and wheels only

– rego THA-277

Michael

**0404 441 772**

#### **1957 Matchless G3Ls 350cc**

The bike is in above average

condition

3 owners.

Serviced and checked over by

Brian Kurchner [Nipper].

Engine number 57/G3LS 32930

\$7250

John Tilbrook

**0418 859 118**

### Sidecar unfinished Project

Body copied from an old

Tilbrook sports sidecar.

The chassis has a trailing arm, air bag suspension and shocker.

Hydraulic Disc Brake, new

13' mag wheel and tyre.

New wheel bearings.

Foam for the seating, Perspex screen.

### 1984 Yamaha Virago 1000cc

V Twin. 13000kms only. Original

tyres, no damage, 990cc model with

wider head gasket, earlier models could blow back cylinder head

gasket. Brackets to attach

sidecar which can be removed.

No welded alterations. Shaft drive,

no battery. 10 years in Storage

Rego Number YZX-578

Engine # 24M003966

Vin# JYA24M002DA003966

Would take a good offer for bike and sidecar, prefer to sell together, but will separate to right person.

Sidecar \$2,000 ono

Virago \$4,500 firm

### 1980 Yamaha SR500 cc

Condition fair not restored.

Goes very well. Near new tyres,

new battery, chains and sprockets.

Fuel system updated to overcome

SR500 problems custom-made

brass float Ported Spacer to take a

modern Yamaha petrol tap. The Al-

ternator/ ignition system has been

replaced – updated unit supplied

direct from Japan.

Self-cancelling trafficators.

New factory clutch cable just fitted.

I have the second disc for front

wheel with all attachments. Starts

easy if you know how....

Rego Number TFH-266

Engine # 4F3000678

VIN# 804F3000678

\$5,500

**Daylight inspection only**

Bob Chantrell

**0413695053**

### 1968 Triumph T120R Bonneville

Matching numbers T120RDU77407.

All original bike with Boyer electronic ignition.

Bike in very good condition.

\$15,000 negotiable

John

**(08) 8357 8574**

### Suzuki TS185 1972

90% restored, wiring loom needs finishing,

Needs Speedo & Rev counter cables

99% original engine- good, new tyre,

seat, and has a re-spray.

Engine # 85 89324

\$1200 ono

Barry

**0419 858 871**

### WANTED

**Project bike** pre-1980s, 500cc or larger – not Harley-Davidson and

not Japanese.

Ed Lowrey

**0413 304 979**

### Steering wheel lock circa 1980s,

Type that locks the steering wheel

to the foot pedal, pref. with key.

Ron

**8396 3546**

### Norton Twin 500/650

88 model on - any condition

considered

Trevor Jones

**8298 7545**

### Owner's Manual for 84/85 Honda

#### **XL250R**

Louis Peilschmidt

**0419 840460**

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### CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2020-2021

**Joining** \$15 (includes lapel badge)

**Full** \$35 **Pensioner** \$30

Magazine printed and posted \$10 or e-mailed free

**All membership renewals due before 30th June of each year**

### MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT HEALTH REGULATIONS

**General Meetings** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month (except Dec.), 7.45pm  
at West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL, 19 Rosetta St., West Croydon. A basket  
supper follows - contributions welcome.

**Committee Meetings** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month (except Dec.), 7.30pm  
at West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL, 19 Rosetta St., West Croydon. Open to  
all members.

## CLUB REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

### Historic Registration is now 'Club Registration'

#### Regulations Regarding Financial Membership and Club Registration

- Club Registration of a vehicle is conditional on the owner being a financial member of a registered car or motorcycle club. COMCC requires the vehicle must be inspected by a machine examiner, after which a log book will be issued. Club Registration is not transferable upon the sale of the vehicle.

- Vehicles must be over 30 years old (eg a bike manufactured in 1988 is eligible July 2018). Some modifications to historic vehicles are allowed for safety reasons – check with the machine registrar.

- **Regardless of your joining date, your membership renewal is due by the 30<sup>th</sup> June and if it is not paid by this date your vehicle is not registered and cannot be legally ridden on the road.**

- **It is your responsibility to ensure that your dues are paid by this date and that your Log Book is stamped for the current financial year.**

The Club is obliged by law to inform the Motor Registration Department of any owners of Club registered vehicles who are not financial, ( no longer members of the Club ) and their Club registration is cancelled.

Members whose dues are not paid by the due date will be asked to re-join and pay the \$10 joining fee, unless the Committee considers that there are extenuating circumstances.

Further information [www.fhmcsa.org.au](http://www.fhmcsa.org.au) The Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs of S.A. Inc.

### Lost Log Book Replacement

If a Log Book is lost or destroyed, a replacement can be issued by your authorising club only upon proof of the balance of 90 day's use in any year. It is suggested that you keep a separate record of events attended and other usage.

## ADVERTISING ON THE CLUB WEB SITE & THE CLASSIC COURIER

Members may place ads in **For Sale & Wanted** on the Club website and in the *Classic Courier*.

Ads for motorcycles or cars for sale must have either a Rego number or an Engine number.

Photos can also be placed on the website:

- send ads to Trevor Jones 8298 7545 [magazine@classicowners.org](mailto:magazine@classicowners.org) or Charles Oliver [secretary@classicowners.org](mailto:secretary@classicowners.org)

- submit ads in writing at general meetings

- post ads to PO Box 642 Plympton, South Australia 5038.

Ads placed on the website will also appear in the *Classic Courier* and *Courier* ads on the website.

Magazine ads will run for two issues (6 months) unless renewed.

Please withdraw ads that are no longer required.



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**DEADLINE FOR**

Dec - Feb 2020  
General Meeting last week  
in November

*'Classics at Hart'*  
**OUTSTANDING SUCCESS**

**CLASSIC  
COURIER**

DECEMBER 2016 - FEBRUARY 2017



I forgot,  
I'm unregistered...  
I could get nicked  
by the rozzers!

Countdown to  
*Classics at Hart*  
Ride & Shine  
2017

LOG BOOK  
DAY  
3rd  
JUNE

A.G.M.  
25th  
JULY

**CLASSIC  
COURIER**

JUNE - AUGUST 2017



Yes Miss, your renewal of  
your COMCC membership  
means your Classic Registration  
is all in order, but since this is  
2017, I'm still going to nick you  
for not wearing a helmet.

**RENEW  
YOUR COMCC  
MEMBERSHIP  
NOW!**

**CALLING ALL RIDERS...  
RENEW YOUR COMCC  
MEMBERSHIP NOW!**

ALL MEMBERSHIP  
DUE  
30th JUNE

Log Book Day 16 June!

AGM 24 July!

When are they going  
to get springs on the  
rear of these bikes!

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JUNE - AUGUST 2018

