







EVENTS CALENDAR

All club activities and runs are subject to the government health regulations which may be in force at the time. Check with www.classicowners.org or contact a committee member before setting out

Check <u>www.classicowners.org</u> for updates or ring Run / Event organiser

6 March Carousel Dinner - see opposite page

13 March Sellicks Beach Racing Info www.levismcc.asn.au/racing

MOPED RUN DATES

Contact Co-ordinators Warren 8388 1770 Alan 8295 5097 2021 MOPED PLUS CALENDAR

7 February Goolwa 1 August Williamstown

1 April Mount Pleasant 10 Oct Mount Barker

6 June *Strathalbyn* **5** Dec *Birkenhead Beach Run*

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

1st Wednesday of the month

3rd 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

28 March *Museum Trip to Port Pirie (see opposite page)*

New club Captain Tony Mitchell will give details of each month's run at the General Meetings or check **Upcoming Events** on <u>classicowners.org</u>





Bob Finnie has organised a day trip on **Sunday 28th March** to Port Pirie to visit a Transport Museum and an Indian Motorcycle Collection. Cost \$20 includes entry and lunch. A bus has been booked for non riders. Cost \$20. Meet at the West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL car park 8:30am for an 8:45am start. Further details Bob **0411 687 666**.

FROM THE CHAIR

Hi All

At last things appear to be almost 'normal' again and we can all enjoy our normal activities. Planning is going ahead for the FOM 2021 events. After the Motorcycle Ride Week event last year, this year it should be bigger and better. The club's membership is still growing and is about 280 members.

Sadly, we lost one of our long-term members with the passing of Ray Mann. Ray's obituary is on the opposite page.

We are now able to have our Carousel Night which was postponed last year. It is in a modified form on 6th of March: Carousel rides 4-6pm, followed by dinner at Largs Bay Sailing Club at 7pm. Thanks to Lew Hylton for all his organisational efforts.

Members Alan Dixon and Phil Reeves are on the sick list and on behalf of all in the club we send them our regards.

Don't forget the ride to Pt. Pirie on 28 March to a transport and a bike museum- see page 3. Lunch is included in the price and the event is being organised by Bob and Evangeline Finnie, it should be a great day.

We have a new Club Captain; Tony Mitchell was elected to fill the vacancy. Regards to all.

Bob Cole President

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

With the start of the new year, things are starting to lookup and we can look forward to year in which club activities can get back to something near normal. The last year's *Couriers* covered reduced Covid safe versions of events and cancelation notices for the regular club activities; I hope there will be less of those in 2021.

Planning is in-hand for the cancelled **Festival of Motorcycling** incorporating a repeat of the successful **Motorcycle Ride Week** in October. This year it should be possible to have the events in Port Adelaide take place. Keep up to date with progress in the *Courier* and on

classicowners.org.

This quarter I have included an old article from a past edition of the *Courier*. I have found some fascinating stories from the club's history in these old copies, a reminder that the COMCC has its 60th birthday next year.

Finally keep sending in your articles and photos. The *Courier* needs them now, and perhaps in another 60 years they will get another run!

Trevor Jones Editor

OBITUARIES



Ray Mann

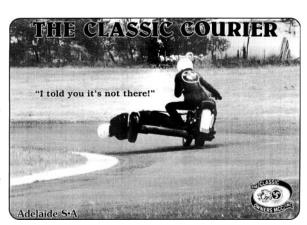


Ray joined our Club in 1977 (member no.180). Ray was always active in the Club in one form or another. He served on the committee as Vice President 1993-1995 and 2007-2010; Machine Registrar 1993-2001 and 2003-2004. He also welcomed new members to our club from 1997-2001.

Ray was active in assisting in other facets of the Club's activities in addition to his committee activities and was awarded Life Membership. Ray was always an ideas man and was largely responsi-

ble for the introduction of the Tuesday mid-week club ride. Although interested in all things motorcycling, he particularly considered himself

to be a motorcycle and sidecar aficionado. He will be remembered for giving sidecar rides to the children present at various club functions, including a display at the Strathmont Centre. Ray also dabbled in sidecar competition events competing at Mac Park on his BMW R series outfit. He featured on the *Classic Courier* cover of the 1997 Jan-Feb edition with fellow



club member Julia Lake as passenger in the sidecar. In his later Club life, Ray would attend Club rides on his BMW K1100 outfit.

Ken Hartland

MOPEDS PLUS Co-ordinators: Warren 8388 1770



Targa Hindmarsh - Sunday 7th February 2021

Motorcycles

Peter Arriola 1957 James 150cc

Lyn Jennings 2005 Yamaha 250cc

Tony Earnshaw 1972 Yamaha 125cc

David Saint 1957 BMW 250cc

Alan Wallis 1950 Tilbrook 197cc

Ian Voysey 1947 Motobecane 49cc

Don Jennings 1977 BMW 1000cc

Rob Smyth 1927 AJS 350cc

Warren Duncan 2002 Honda 250cc

Adrian How 2004 BMW 1200cc

Paul David 1953 Ambassador 197cc

Roger O'Loughlin 1988 Suzuki 650cc

Most of the 12 starters for this year's Targa Hindmarsh experienced a few nuisance drops of rain as they made their way south to the Pines area adjacent to the Goolwa Channel at Goolwa. Once the ride got underway, the conditions eased and improved during the day to provide pleasant riding conditions. The initial leg of the journey took us to the Murray Mouth viewing area via the north shore residential area of Hindmarsh Island and was trouble-free. However when we departed from this point, lan Voysey's Motobecane moped refused to start and was placed on the rescue trailer, destined to take no further part in the day's proceedings.

The return journey took a new route tracking through a fairly recently developed area of attractive residential and holiday houses, many of which have private water frontages which provide canal access to the main Goolwa Channel. After the lunch break, the group departed the pines area again to take a loop around North Goolwa and then past the Goolwa Steam Ranger Railway Depot and out to the Goolwa Airport. Even with the calm conditions at that time, there was only one aircraft movement during our visit. However, as usual, motorcyclists seemed to enjoy time for discussions on a variety of issues to fill the time before our departure to Middleton, Goolwa Town and down to No.19 Beacon boat ramp on the saltwater side of the Goolwa Barrage. Then followed the last run of the day back through Goolwa township to the pines area. As usual, we are grateful for the help of good marshals. For this ride, Roger O'Loughlin Don Jennings, and Tony Earnshaw were successful in keeping the group under control! Wayne Williams manned the rescue service for the day. So many thanks, Wayne, for spending the day with us and providing your help.

Lastly, we have to record the most pleasant occurrence of the day: the participation in this event by Moped Coordinator, Alan Wallis.

Aside from the other issues relating to Moped operations, Alan brings to each outing a quite immaculate example of a motorcycle manufactured in SA more than 70 years ago. Alan can also claim that he built this particular bike himself. The Red Tilbrook never fails to attract interest at 'Moped activities'.

Most people will remember year 2020 as a period we would not like to repeat. Alan would agree. Towards the end of the year, Alan found further misfortune in the form of a mishap (not motorcycle related) resulting in a fractured leg. After a significant hospital confinement and recovery period, he was determined to continue his long-term role in Moped Plus activities as tail-end Charlie. There was considerable concern that his recovery would not be complete in time for him to participate in this event. For many years, he has demonstrated the expertise needed to ensure that minor problems are fixed promptly, efficiently, and that major failures get safely loaded up on the rescue trailer, so the run continuity is not affected.

On the day of this ride, his efforts were rewarded. Alan transported his bike on its trailer to attend Targa Goolwa, rode his bike as tail-end Charlie, and then drove back home. On good authority, it is understood that he did not unload the bike until the next day.

From the Mopeds Plus Group - Thank you, ALAN.

Warren Duncan

NEXT RUN: 28th Annual Moped Marathon – Sunday April 11 2021

9.00 for 9.30am start. Rear car park, Totness Inn -- Mt. MEET: :

Pleasant

RUN: AM - Mt Pleasant/Williamstown/Springton/Angaston (lunch)

PM – Angaston // Kyneton / Eden Valley / Springton / Mt. Pleasant.

Total distance Approx. 115 km

REMEMBER: These runs cater for the slower rider, backup trailer always provided.



WEEKEND RUNS



Ride to Myponga, Sunday 31 January

Well, for my first ride as club captain I thought I had better make sure I'm early at the meetup. I arrived at 9:30 to find 10 bikes already waiting and by the time we are ready to leave we have 19 riders raring to go (note to self, don't stuff up with everybody watching). The range of bikes was from the 1970s to very modern. We are off, first stop is Meadows via Lobethal, Nairne and Flaxley. Everyone arrived at the coffee stop, so I guess I passed the first test. Next, we headed to Myponga for lunch through Ashbourne and Victor Harbor. This is where it got interesting, somebody (who shall remain nameless but was riding a Suzuki) decided that we were going the wrong way and turned off with the tail-end Charlie following him. Now we had people waiting on corners and no tail-end Charlie coming through. Eventually everyone made it to Myponga and we didn't lose anyone so I'll take that as a pass. After lunch and a chat people started to head home with some of us travelling around the Myponga reservoir to finish off a great day.

I hope everyone enjoyed the ride and see you next month.

Tony Mitchell Club Captain

Some previous attendees of the Weekend Rides, looking forward photos from the current rides, send them to magazine@classicowners.og







NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to the club is extended to...

6068 Vik Kaminskas Netherby

6070 Christopher Herreen Happy Valley

6071 Mick Brierley Lenswood

6072 Sankar Ganesh Raveendran Mile End

6073 Geoff Stevens Glenelg South

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Like everything else in the past year, the 2020 Toy Run: was not the usual Toy Runno big gathering at the start, no crowds lining the roads, and no big gathering at

Callington. However, the Toy Run is more than the 'run'. The importance of the Toy Run is reflected in this statement from the coordinator Harald Lindemann, "About 70% of the toys distributed by Vinnies at Christmas come from the Toy Run so not having a Toy Run this year was just not an option. More families than ever before are doing it tough due to Covid, so the riders of South Australia will be here to help out in 2020".

The format this year was to drop off the toys at the Victoria Park Grandstand or check in with the Covid marshals if you were parking. After donating our toys, Susan and I spent a very pleasant half hour at the tables outside the café in the grandstand watching the bikes passing by. I was reminded of the first Toy Run in 1979 when the total number of bikes on the run fitted on the cricket pitch on the Woodside Oval. It's good that events grow and attract a large turnout, particularly a charity event; but size doesn't necessarily mean a more enjoyable day.



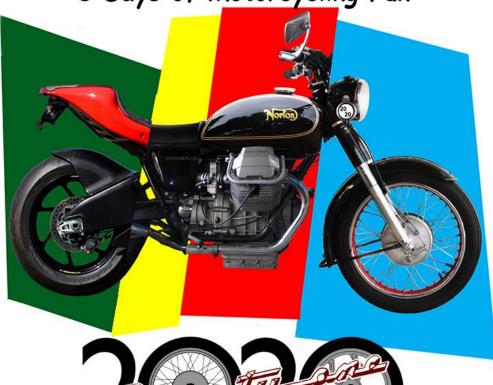


Thanks to Susan for the photos

What else would Santa ride? A side valve BSA



"8 Days of Motorcycling Fun"







COMING OCTOBER 2021

MID-WEEK RUNS



The Mid-weekers started the New Year with good turnouts of twenty plus assembling at Hazelwood Park. The weather for the most part was mild, and we even encountered a light shower on one run. We had a couple of visits to the Barossa and were led through some new roads around Strathalbyn, or they seemed new; perhaps I never travelled over them in that direction before. The bakery at McLaren Flat was a popular morning tea stop. For the second time, we arrived in time to see three of the vintage Indians which

seem to inhabit the area. I missed the last run in February but was told it was hot. I hope the this doesn't continue into the next quarter. Thanks to our ride leaders. **TJ**



^ Barossa Valley look out in beautiful weather

^ Last minute briefing before start

Lunch stop at Strathalbyn >



Classic Indians pause for refreshments at the McLaren Flat Bakery v





FROM THE ARCHIVE



As the COMCC approaches its 60th Anniversary next year I thought it was timely to dive into the old copies of The Classic Courier and print some articles from the past. This story dates from 1977.

'Bugged Again' R.R.R. tells all

I think the 'Bug' started for me around 1918 not even in my teens. A neighbour's son was a mechanic and used to do a few bike repairs in his back-yard workshop and every weekend I went to his place and helped him treadle his old treadle lathe, wash parts etc.

One day I can remember he had done a job on an old belt drive Norton, so he asked me if I would like to have a ride on the back carrier. Off we went down the road as far as the railway crossing and stopped for a train. After the train had passed, we pushed the bike over the lines to start it, as there was no kick starter. The bike started but I didn't get a chance to get back on it, so I was let standing. Ten minutes later he came back and said he had forgotten all about me. That was my first ride on a motorcycle but I really enjoyed it so much, I think that was when the 'Bug' bit me.

Of course, I was still at school but one of my schoolmates' father was involved in the motorcycle business and he would take us to all the speed meetings at Sellicks Beach, Gawler Race Course and others. The big old American bikes were all the rage in those days, Harleys, Indians, Big X Excelsior and the 4 cylinder Hendersons. I'll never forget hearing them burn down the beach.

At the ripe old age of 14 I left school. I think by that time I had more motor-bikes in my head than brains and I was apprenticed in the motor trade. Of course, I had to have a motorbike. After saving and borrowing I bought a 350cc 2 speed belt drive Douglas. One day it caught fire around the carby, but I put it out with my hat- it was better to lose the hat than the bike. Later it was traded in on the next bike which was a 247cc Levis 3 speed and all chain drive. It had a flat tank as the saddle tanks were not in until 1928-29. I fitted a long copper 'straight through' exhaust pipe, it sounded beautiful, but with buying tins of Brasso and paying fines for an ineffective silencer I had to put the old coffee pot exhaust system back. I had a lot of fun on that bike, until I blew it up.

My next bike was a 147cc BSA 2 stroke, a very small and rare bike, I haven't seen one since and I didn't keep it long as it wasn't fast enough for me. About this the Depression started and a good 500cc single could be bought for £72-10 to £95-10. I bought a 16H Norton for £20. It was a good bike, but I ripped a couple of trouser legs on the bottom of the Terry saddle when I forgot to retard the spark.

From 1930 to 1940 I frequently changed bikes. Fortunately, I was still work-

ing but a lot of chaps were out of work and happy to sell their bikes for the cash. Sometimes I made money sometimes lost money, often it was straight swap.

In the late 1920s and early 1930s the Wayville Speedway started, and a mate got hold of a dirt track model Peashooter Harley. I went with him to practice night. We had a great time, but I fell off a couple of times and my torn clothing caused such a stir when I got home that it put an end to my speedway career. One funny thing about the Harley was they used steel wire instead of Bowden control cables, and they would occasionally break. Needless to say, both his and my family pianos had a few silent notes during that time.

In the early 1930s I had a job delivering parcels and the delivery vehicle was a big 10/12 Harley with a box sidecar. Everyday we had to get the parcels to the railway station. Four or five similarly mounted lads and I used to wait for each other and have a Grand Prix out of the lower levels of the station, up past the baths and along North Terrace. I did pretty well; my outfit was a 10/12, theirs the smaller 7/9.

In the mid-1930s I was living in the Hills, and the road up to the main road was very steep and the bike I had at the time was a Matchless which would go like hell. I would burn up the hill so fast the bike would be airborne at the crest. This was quite a show for the dozen primary school kids who waited for me every morning. They especially enjoyed the day a big airdale dog got in the way of my landing.

Some of my bikes 1930 to 1948, looking back, were interesting and rare: 350cc BSA flat tank ohv, 174cc Excelsior, 500cc sv New Imperial, 350cc Matchless ohc, 500cc Matchless ohv,350cc New Hudson ohv, 596cc Panther ohv outfit, 250cc Dunelt ohv, 1000cc Harley, 500cc 1929 ES2 Norton, 500cc MSS Velocette, 500cc Ariel twin, Triumph 350cc 3T and 500cc 5T. From 1949 to 1951 I had no bike at all, but when I got a job at the bus depot which involved starting at 5.30am I decided to buy a certain European 2 stroke which was fairly popular at the time. Since then, we have had eight of them and some still remain in the family.

My joining the Classic Owners Club was nothing out of the ordinary. I had heard that the club met in the Hackney Hall and I had been told one of my bikes was a classic, so one night in 1964 I went along. The only difference I can see between the club now and then is the runs seemed to be shorter, or am I just getting old...



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FOR SALE & WANTED

Check www.classicowners.org

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

FOR SALE

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 \$2,000 ono Virago \$4,500 firm

Daylight inspection only

separate to right person.

Bob Chantrell 0413695053

sidecar; prefer to sell together but will

2015 Kawasaki Versys 1000 ABS

Regretful sale. It is in excellent Condition, 18,200kms, has new tyres plus luggage accessories, heated grips, immobilizer and a full service history. \$13,000 ono Allan Dixon **0429 657 091**

Triumph Trident 1973 T150V

It's time for me to hand over custody of my Trident. Most of you have

seen

this machine at several club events.
Very original with 21k on the speedo,
I believe this to be correct.
It was an American delivery.
Matching engine and frame numbers
all three cases. This is important. BH
01212 which makes it February 1973.
I am asking a reasonable \$12000.
Allan Morris
0425660619

Tip Truck Ford Econovan Maxi 1994

Petrol and LPG Rego VPH 774 UL 1440kg GV 3065kg GC 4165kg \$4500

John **0432 637 763**

WANTED

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

<u>Ed Lowrey</u> **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 2021-2022

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 4th 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 3rd 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 30th 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 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 or Charles Oliver 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.

