

EVENTS CALENDAR

Check with <u>www.classicowners.org</u> or check with a committee member before setting out

26 Aug COMCC Annual Dinner and presentation night West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL Veterans' Day (see page3) 24 Sept 1-7 Oct Festival of Motor Cycling www.fomsa.org www.baytobirdwood.history.sa.gov.au Bay to Birdwood 22 Oct **15 Oct** Barossa Valley MC Rally barossavcmcc@gmail.com 3-9 Nov BSA International Rally Hahndorf www.bsainternationalrally2023.com 26 –27Nov Semaphore Street Fair Home - Semaphore Street Fair MRA Toy Run www.mrasa.asn.au/ **10 Dec**

MOPED RUN DATES

Co-ordinators Malcom Downie 0439 891 355 Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917 2023 MOPED PLUS CALENDAR 5 Feb Goolwa 6 August Willia

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16 April	Mount Pleasant	15 October	Mount Barker
4 June	Strathalbyn	3 December	Charleston

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

WEEKEND RUN DATES

Weekend runs take place on the first convenient Sunday after the General Meeting

Ride destination decided on the day

Until a Club Captain is appointed, the Weekend Runs will adopt the same format as the Mid-week Runs– Ride destination decided on the day. When a calendar for runs is established, members will be advised at the General Meetings and via <u>www.classicowners.org</u> and the Classic Courier.



Veterans' Day

Sunday 24th September 2023 hosted by the Military Vehicle Preservation Soc. Sturton Rd Edinburgh (nr Coles Distribution Centre). 10am - 4pm

Mark Howson is leading the club ride meet West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL 8.30 am for 9am start

Semaphore fair bikes at the Semaphore Street Fair on Saturday 26 November. Members wishing to take part contact Lew Hylton 8449 7470 / 0488 800 857

FROM THE CHAIR



This year's log book day ran smoothly thanks to excellent

input from your committee and volunteers. Our club membership tally remains fairly steady at around 300, making us one of the larger motorcycle clubs in South Australia.

The contribution the Classic Owners MCC helped make the April *Festival of Motorcycling British Motorcycle Day* at the Balhannah Oval a resounding success. A substantial sum of money was raised and will be added to the biennial donation to the SAHMRI bursary fund. Well done to the FOM committee. Preparations are already under way for a similar event next year which will feature European marques. While on the FOM topic, advanced preparations are also underway towards this year's festival week in October. As well as a program of ride days, an evening event, the "Night of Champions", will again be the main fundraiser. This time we are hoping to have speakers from various arms of motorcycling sport including speedway, observed trials and junior road racing.

Our next big event is our **Annual Dinner and Presentation Night**, which is going to be held at the RSL clubrooms on **Saturday August 26**.

Midweek, monthly Sunday and moped rides continue to attract a small but steady band of stalwarts. Let's look forward to a greater turnout as the weather improves.

During this year we have organised to have catering available at the West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL clubrooms on every general meeting night. Many members are taking advantage of getting to the RSL early for a meal, a drink, and a bit of socialising before the meeting.

Alan Kernich President

EDITOR'S COMMENTS



I returned from overseas in June and according to my neighbours all I missed at home was rain and cold

- hardly motorcycling weather. The big event covered in this edition of the *Courier* is the very successful British Motorcycle Day. It seems a long time ago looking at the pictures, although it was only a couple of months ago. It will be the last BMD as the event will be expanded next year to include European bikes and become 'European Bike Day', so your Jawa, Nimbus or Husqvarna will be eligible for the show section.

A reminder that the Classic Owners MCC AGM will take place on the 25 July and check out page 2 for the upcoming events and hope the weather cheers up sooner rather than later.

OBITUARY



Brian Cowling

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Brian Cowling who first joined the club in 2001. Brian spent the past few years caring for his wife, who suffered from dementia.

When Brian first joined the club, he ran a lawn mowing business and was involved in restoring bikes. He used to coordinate the Mopeds before Alan Wallis and Warren Duncan's tenure.

Brian was laid to rest on Friday 26th May and as a regular meeting attendee will be sorely missed by fellow members at the club.

Charles Oliver Club Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to the club is extended to ...

Alan Peek Mark Howson Colin Barnes Peter Roughan Alison Jones Colin Barnet David Garret Paul Mills Kylie Herraman



Malcolm Downie 0439 891 355 MOPEDS PLUS Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917

The Mopeds Marathon 16 April 2023

Participants

Don Jennings BMW 1977 1000cc	Kym Miller Suzuki	1978	370cc		
Malcolm Downie Norton 1971 750cc	Mick Hayes Suzuki	2005	400cc		
Graham Riley Zundapp 1956 200cc	Tony Earnshaw Yam	aha	1972 125cc		
Alan Vaisham Honda 1969 450cc	Phil Bangman Ariel	1953	600cc		
Mika Beyer Honda 110cc					

Back-up trailer Wayne Williams and Geoff Stevens

Despite significant rainfall overnight, the day proved to be very mild and dry - perfect weather for the nine bikes to cover the ride ably led by Mick Hayes over a 110km route. We started at Mt Pleasant and returned via Williamstown, Tanunda, Angaston, Keyneton, and Springton.

The ride took in the picturesque Cockatoo Valley. Apart from running into significant traffic arriving in both directions for the Barossa air show at Koch Road, Krondorf, the ride was relatively free of any vehicular traffic. Lunch was at Angaston with riders free to choose from a selection of food outlets. All bikes and riders came through the ride unscathed, with the exception of Tony Earnshaw (our tail-end Charlie) who was stung by a bee and whose 125cc Yamaha came to a unscheduled halt on one of the steeper sections towards the end of the ride.

The owner of Lovell's Bakery at Mt Pleasant was very accommodating in allowing riders to leave their vehicles and trailers in the rear carpark. All riders enjoyed the day. Special thanks to Mick H, tail-end Charlie Tony E, and Wayne W for their assistance. Geoff Stevens

4 June 2023 Strathalbyn

Participants

Malcolm Downie Norton 1971 750cc	Mick Hayes Suzuki 2016 650cc
Graham Riley Zundapp 1956 200cc	Bernie Burton 2010 Triumph 865cc
David Saint BMW 1957 250cc	Adrian How BMW 2004 1200cc

Back up trailer Paul David, Allan Wallis and Geoff Stevens.

The weather was kind to us this year. Under cloudy skies, six bikes participated on the ride over a 100km route that started at Strathalbyn and returned via Finniss, Clayton Bay, Milang, and Langhorne Creek.



The owner of Goodyear Autocare in Rankine Street, Strathalbyn, was agreeable to our riders leaving towing vehicles and trailers in their carpark. We met there and left Strathalbyn for Finniss at 10:30am for an excellent lunch at the Finniss General Store and Cafe.

After lunch we travelled around to Clayton Bay stopping at the lookout over to Hindmarsh Island. Then we continued through Milang and Langhorne Creek arriving back to Strathalbyn around 1.30pm.

After experiencing light showers through Langhorne Creek, most riders left immediately for the trip home; but some stayed to view the array of cars and motorbikes on sale through Collectible Classics Cars adjacent to our start and finish point in Rankine Street.

No breakdowns were experienced throughout the ride, but a change of sparkplug on the Zundapp was necessary for the trip home.

Thanks to Adrian H for riding tail-end Charlie; and special thanks to Paul D for giving up his ride, ably assisted by Allan W riding as shotgun in the back -up trailer.

NEXT RIDE: *Williamstown on Sunday 6 August 2023* commencing from the unmade parking area on Springton Road adjacent to the Warren Road intersection, Williamstown - opposite the entrance to the Williamstown Caravan Park

START: 10.00am for 10.30am.

We hope to see as many members as possible in attendance.







British Motorcycle Day had its second running on 2 April, following the inaugural event last year. Originally conceived as a pandemic era replacement for motorcycles in the absence of All British Day, it looks as if it will become a popular event in the Festival of Motorcycling calendar. The marques getting the attention this year were BSA Bantam and Royal Enfield. A new award category was added this year- Best Costume. COMCC member Tony Mitchell missed out on this prize but took out the award for Best Solo. Clubs for the British makes spaced out around the perimeter of the western end of the oval with bikes displayed in front. COMCC members rose to the occasion and had a fine array of British iron in front of the club's gazebo. Support from the public was a very good: attracting a continuous stream of spectators in the hundreds. A healthy \$3,000 was collected for the FOM charity. Congratulations to the FOM committee, the organising clubs, sponsors, and exhibitors on putting on another great show. **TJ**

AWARDS BRITISH MOTORCYCLE DAY 2023

BEST COSTUME	Steven Hooper	
BEST ROYAL ENFIELD	Phil Franklin 1960 Super Meteor Outfit	
BEST BSA BANTAM	David Peterson	
BEST IN SHOW	Mark Hood 1973 Triumph Hurricane	
BEST RACE BIKE	Chris Flaherty Vincent Speedway Outfit	
BEST SOLO	Tony Mitchell 2001 Triumph Bonneville	
BEST OUTFIT	Bryan Dunn BSA	

BEST CLUB DISPLAY combined RAA , SAPOL Historic Soc., Ambos







Club 17 - 19 February 2023 Richard Germein and John Francis were or-

ganising this event and had sent me details

via email. I spoke to Geoff Barnes, and we decided to go, of course! It was arranged that I would pick up their gear on the Thursday before we left, so I met them around 10.00am and off we went.

Wattle Point

Geoff was riding his 1960 BSA A10 with sidecar that he had ridden from England to Oz in the 60s. He has kept this in good condition and rides it to all of the motorcycle rallies.

Geoff won't go across South Road without traffic lights; so we went for a long way up to Anzac Highway, then down to the South Road and away towards Coobowie, at last!

I stuck in close behind them until we reached Pt Wakefield where we always have lunch at the top of the gulf. Good spot, shady seats with a roof and a toilet block. This year no one else turned up, so we had lunch and headed for Coobowie, stopping for petrol at Ardrossan. I didn't see Geoff take off and thought he was in front sitting on 80 K's as he does, so I thought I'd soon catch up. When I didn't find him. I thought he was behind me. I pulled into a shady spot and waited for perhaps 10 minutes, then set out for Coobowie. Well bless me, when I arrived at the Rally HQ, there was Geoff's BSA! We booked into the Rally, saw many of our mates from previous events there, said Good Day and headed off to the house that Geoff had booked us into. This was only 2 streets away and was big enough for umpteen people! Geoff set up in a bedroom somewhere and I had a small room with two sets of single bunks one above the other, close to the kitchen. Immediately inside the front door there was a large sitting room with a giant TV screen.

That night we had booked into the Club Dinner at HQ and gueued up and got a small bread roll in halves, no butter, two scoops of shithouse cold stuff and a good serve of a nicely cooked bit of meat. After I'd eaten this, I found there was one piece of nice bun stuff left, so that was dinner! No more thanks!

The Saturday Run was departing at 9.30. I had previously told John Francis that I would appreciate getting a ride with a pickup truck and he had arranged for me to go with joker who drove a modern Merc pickup, with trailer. Turned out the driver was a great bloke and we got on well. He was a 12 spritely 86 and seemed pretty fit. He'd been in the UK army, served in the

Malaysian emergency, and done heaps more. I'll keep in touch with him. The Saturday Run was 191 kms around the bottom end of the peninsula. lunch at Port Victoria and morning tea at Curramulka. En route we went to the Harry Butler Memorial at Minlaton and stopped there for a look. Harry flew a WW1 plane from England to OZ and established a mail service from Adelaide to Minlaton in the early 20's but died in a plane crash in 1922. The maps given out to us were a big help that day too. After lunch I couldn't find my sunglasses but when we got back to HQ, I asked if anyone had found some sun glasses; and sure enough, they had been handed in to Jenny. So 'Beaudy Newk', I got'em back!

Then home and don't spare the horses! Geoff had booked us into the Edithburgh Hotel for dinner that night, thankfully after the crap we'd had last night, and this was very good. Best crumbed gar and chips I've had (brought half of it home), plus the best serve of pudding and ice cream I've had. Took a sleeping tablet that night and retired early.

Sunday's Run was to be 126 kms, roughly from Coobowie to Point Turton to Minlaton again. Home via Yorketown and Port Giles where the silos are enormous. I'd already handed my meals tickets in so didn't stay long at HQ but went out to look at Oaklands where Dad was born. His father was the School Master there in 1898, and I like to see how it's going when I go to Coobowie. It's a bloody rubbish dump, even worse than last year. The school building and house are one building, and that's about all of Oaklands. I did write to the local council last year about it being a National Trust Building but got no reply but I will try again this year. Took lotsa photos of it. Dunno how to attach them to this document yet, but will get Helen to fix it.

On Sunday's Run, at Point Turton I noticed a very nice Vincent motorcycle and asked the owner if it was a Black Shadow; but he said it was a Rapide, a much cheaper version of the make. He rattled off the others, starting with the 500cc Comet then the Rapide, Black Shadow and finally the Black Lightning. On the way home, we stopped to pick up a brokendown motorcycle that looked like new. It was a Harley Davidson, a make that I don't know anything about coz of the type of people who ride them. But this one was different. It was a 1935 side valve, and the owner said it had taken him $3\frac{1}{2}$ years to restore. Now it had seized up. Coincidently, one of his mates who had stopped was the Vincent owner from the lunch stop. A pickup ute had stopped, so there were three jokers there to load the motorcycle onto our trailer and they had a good aluminium ramp to run it up on. The channels on the trailer were too close to the sides of the trailer so the crash bars were hitting the trailer. I took control and told them to run the bike up into the middle of the trailer and hold it down with ties. This worked well and we headed for the owner's home, which, by sheer chance, was only two streets away from HQ.

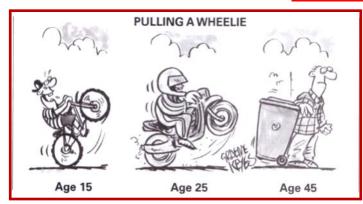
At HQ I found the Barnes busy having a cordial with a group, so I headed off towards Edithburg and continued to a group of enormous wind towers. Looked like hundreds, but I went on to the end of the road and found Wattle Point Wind Farm, with a notice telling me that there are 55 Wind Turbines with a generating capacity of 90.75 MW. They're owned by AGL! They had been commissioned in 2005. The Turbines are 68 meters high! I had a look around Edithburgh for a general store, hardware store, and the sort of shops you would expect to find in every suburb in Adelaide; but the region is devoid of them. I mentioned this to Geoff, and he told me that there was a good shop in the Caravan Park in Coobowie. So I presume that if you want to shop, you have to go into Yorketown 20 kms away.

On Monday I had decided to travel home closely following Geoff. We left early and were in Port Wakefield before noon. Geoff filled up with petrol there and we set out for home, arriving around lunch time. After we had unloaded his gear from the wagon, he made a cuppa and Hellina found something to eat. Then for me it was 'Home James and don't spare the horses!' Found Rotti4 at the gate and we had a cuddle. Then I had to unpack and go down the road to get some tucker for us both. How good it was to be back to normal!

I won't go again at my age, so it was a good experience. It has taken me a cuppla days to recover, but it was worth it!



The next print edition of The Classic Courier will be sent to subscribers who paid \$12 with their membership for the 2023-2024 financial year. They should receive their copy in the first weeks of SEPTEMBER Any problems contact <u>magzine@classicowners.org</u> or phone Trevor Jones 8298 7545





The SAPOL museum invited the COMCC to attend their open day on 21 March as they prepare to leave the old barracks to a location as yet to be decided. The club organised rides to the barracks from the South, East and West and twenty riders converged on the museum. The SAPOL Museum has supported the COMCC and FOM with historic police vehicles over the years from the first Mill to Mill Run in 2017, and the club sought to repay

their support. Police Historical Society President Ron Monk sent a letter of appreciation which was read at the March General Meeting. He expressed the hope the museum's vehicles would be accessible and able to join in future motorcycle events. **TJ**





MID-WEEK RUNS



My last ride of the last quarter seems like a portent for the conditions coming: a short ride through damp and drizzle from Hazelwood Park to the Balhannah Bakery a I-o-n-g morning tea and chat, and off home before it really started raining. Going back to April, we had some good outings including a visit to the refurbished Meadows Bakery, which received the COMCC stamp of approval. Rider numbers were down a bit, but at least a dozen bikes turned out most days. I was hoping to attend Wednesday's ride (July 5), but my hopes have been dashed by the dreaded cloud and drops on the forecast page. Fingers crossed for the third Tuesday. **TJ**

A fine array of machinery (and riders) basking in the sun at the Meadows Bakery >

RAF themed Royal Enfield outfit 'takes off' from the Balhannah Bakery >

WEEKEND RUNS

Weekend rides have been going ahead in the absence

of a Club Captain in the same format as the Mid-Week Runs– *destination and leader decided on the day.* Meet 9.30 for 10am start at Hazelwood Park, Hawthorn Cres. Hazelwood Park. Run date is the first Sunday after the General Meeting.

Further details www.classicowners.org Club Facebook Page,



Check www.classicowners.org

For Sale & Wanted ads will run for two issues. Placement of ads restricted to Club members only. Photos of most of these items on www.<u>classicowners.org</u>

FOR SALE BMW R90S 1975 56,256kms 2nd owner stored for 30 years. Serviced new tyres-ready to go. Rego. RY-012 \$16,000 Ian 0413 055 265 1996 BMW R1100RT

62000km, good condition, regular service history, near new tyres,

new battery, panniers, and top box. First model with the new oil cooled twin engine with fuel injection, electronic ignition and ABS. Analog gauges and manual suspension setup. A simple motorcycle that you can

service yourself without all the electronic components of the latest motorcycles. Registered till Sept 2023.

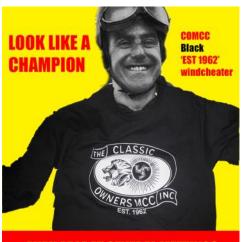
> Evangeline has the club regalia on sale at the General Meetings.

Is your bike complete without a COMCC sticker?

Are you complete without a COMCC windcheater?

Eligible for Classic Registration. Reg.No. S38BKG \$8500 ono 0437 918 221 Detlev 1957 BSA Dandy BSA Dandy complete but not running. Oil has leaked from dearbox onto clutch plates causing it to slip. Eng. no. DSE 10150 \$2500. Rod Bailev 0406 982 582 DriRider Suit, Mens 3X Large Black/Grey, stock No. 2108027. Current price is Jacket \$390 Pants \$200. The suit has never been worn. \$300 the lot. 8296 0640 Rosco WANTED

Kawasaki 400 KZ front brake caliper or whole bike.Randall0418 858 412



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CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2022-2023 Joining \$15 (includes lapel badge)

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Full \$35Pensioner\$30Magazine printed and posted \$12 or e-mailed free\$30

All membership renewals due before 30 June of each year

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. <u>Open to all members.</u>

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. Club Registration is not transferable upon the sale of the vehicle.

- Vehicles must be over 25years old (eg a bike manufactured in 1998 is eligible July 2023). 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 correctly filled in and 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.

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

Further information <u>www.fhmcsa.org.au</u> 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 <u>magazine@classicowners.org</u> or Charles Oliver <u>secretary@classicowners.org</u>

- 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.

