





# **EVENTS CALENDAR**

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

10 Dec MRA Toy Run www.mrasa.asn.au/

Beach Ride starting Birkenhead Hotel 9.00am for 9.30am start

2024

28 Jan COMCC Summer BBQ (see opposite page)

**18 Feb** European Motorcycle Day (see opposite page)

3 March 40th All British Day Echunga Rec. grounds www.allbritishday.com

24 March Proposed visit to the Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally

19 May Distinguished Gentleman's Ride www.gentlemansride.com

15 June Log Book Day

# MOPED RUN DATES

Co-ordinators Malcom Downie 0439 891 355 Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917 2023 MOPED PLUS CALENDAR

**5 Feb** Goolwa **6 August** Williamstown

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

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

Tony Mitchell and Alan Vaisham jointly take on the Club Captain role this year. Rides are going ahead and for the present will stick with the 'Ride destination decided on the day' format.

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER - Next General Meeting 23 Jan 2024

MID-WEEK AND WEEKEND RIDES continue through

December



FREE TO COMCC Members and their families B.Y.O. Chairs, alcoholic and soft drinks

Thordon Park is very busy on Sundays and members are advised to arrive before 11.30 am for ease of parking - BBQ fired up at 12.

Social Sec. Bob Cole would appreciate an email <a href="mailto:rdavidcole@tpg.com.au">rdavidcole@tpg.com.au</a> or phone call <a href="mailto:0429.177.413">0429.177.413</a> to confirm you are attending

# **European Motorcycle Day is on: 2024**



The year's first FOM Event organised by the Ducati Owners Club will be on the Balhannah Oval

Sunday 18 February 10am - 3pm

Last year's successful British Motorcycle Day format will be followed with the change of bikes eligible for the featured displays

ALL BIKES WELCOME *Keen up to date on* 

www.fomsa.org

# **OBITUARY**

# **Rob Smyth**



It was with great sadness that we have heard of the passing of Rob Smyth. Rob was a member of COMCC for the past 21 years and, with his knowledge of all things motorcycle related and his skills in casting and manufacturing of parts, he will be sadly missed. He was one of the more active members of the club: regularly attending mid -week and moped rides. He was always approachable at our meetings and social events and had time for all members with whom he came into contact with. Rob loved pre-1930 AJS motorcycles and he even owned and restored a rare AJS car. which he showed at the All British Dav event and drove in the 2016 Bay to Birdwood. His other passion was making steam trains - a

memorable club meeting saw him show one

of his trains, which was 35 years in the making.

Our condolences are offered to Rob's wife and family – he will be sorely missed by the club.

Charles Oliver COMCC Secretary

Ed Lowrey and Bob Finney's funeral eulogy for Rob can be read on <a href="classicowners.org">classicowners.org</a>

# FROM THE CHAIR

Sadly, this year saw the passing of one of our club stalwarts. Rob Smyth was a man who was much admired for his engineering expertise and his true gentlemanly nature. He will be much missed.

This year's annual dinner and presentation night in August was enjoyed by the members and their partners or friends who attended. The five-piece live band "Customlines" was variously described as "excellent" and "great". Next year's annual dinner and presentation night will be held in August once again and I would like to encourage more of our members to attend. The club's recent ride to Boolaroo Centre Steam and Traction Museum attracted 9 riders who thoroughly enjoyed the long but interesting day. Unfortunately, there was not enough interest to extend this to a 2-day visit or to

provide bus transport for those unable or unwilling to ride. Maybe we can muster up more interest in a second visit during 2024.

The Classic Owners MCC is heavily involved in Festival of Motorcycling SA activities. These events are designed to foster camaraderie amongst motorcyclists, to enhance the public profile of motorcycling and to raise money for SAHMRI. This year's Festival of Motorcycling ride week in October was successfully staged with (mostly) good weather prevailing. The evening event, the Night of Champions, was the main fundraiser for the week. Speakers were drawn from various arms of motorcycling sport including speedway, observed trials, land speed record attempts and junior road racing. A very enjoyable night for those who attended. Preparations are underway for European Motorcycle Day to be held at Balhannah Oval on 18 February. Perhaps controversially, Britain is still a part of Europe even after Brexit! Catering at the West Croydon-Kilkenny RSL clubrooms on general meeting nights is being regularly patronised by a modest number of our members each month, but I would love to see increased numbers next year. Please take advantage of this opportunity for a bit of socialising before the meeting by getting to the RSL early for a tasty and inexpensive meal and a drink. There was a limited response to a survey conducted earlier this year into club activities and future directions. However, some useful proposals which are being implemented include: (a) encouraging members to wear name badges and to act as welcoming officers to any club newcomers and (b) varying the start location and the duration of club rides. The committee would also like to organise more speakers and other activities at our meetings, but we need to receive more ideas and input from members please.

Alan Kernich President

# **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Another big year for COMCC is rapidly coming to an end. British Motorcycle Day in April seems to be the distant

past. You will find the 2023 Courier, with contributions from members have recorded this year's events. If you wish to jog your memory on past years, you will find all editions back to 2014 on <a href="https://www.classicowners.org">www.classicowners.org</a> under the 'Classic Courier' tab. Looking forward to next year, the Summer BBQ is our first event (see page 3) followed by our participation in the European Motorcycle Day, which should be bigger than the British Motorcycle Day it replaces. FOM is planning a display at Hart's Mill and a Mill to Mill run - it will be full year for COMCC members.

Thanks to the regular contributors over the year for reports and photos and Susan for her proof reading. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members and their families.

**Trevor Jones Editor** 

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

#### Mt Barker Burble 15 October 2023

# **Participants**

Graham Riley Zundapp 200cc 1956 Tony Earnshaw BMW 7501974

Don Jennings BMW 1000 1977 Warren Duncan Honda 250 2012

Four riders attended on a cool drizzly day. We left Mt Barker at 10.40 riding through Echunga, Meadows, Macclesfield and on to Strathalbyn where we stopped for lunch at the Strath corner bakery. After lunch we were down to only two riders and decided to cut the ride short and head home. Thanks to Warren Duncan for leading us through the ride.

**NEXT RIDE**: Charleston Challenge. We meet on the vacant lot behind the

Charleston Hotel

**START**: 9.30am for 10.00am start.

We hope to see as many members as possible in attendance







# Booleroo Steam & Traction Engine Museum

Nine COMCC members rode to Booleroo on the 18 of November to visit the Booleroo Steam & Traction Engine Preservation Society's Museum. The group was very impressed by the collection and Bob Cole reported the machinery on display was the best he has seen in his many visits to similar museums.

The club is planning another visit for the museum's Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally 24 March 2024. The exhibits will be fired up and will be able to be seen in action. Details of this trip will be advised in the New Year. Booleroo Steam & Traction Preservation Society | South Australia (booleroosteamandtraction.com)



Photos—Ed Lowery





# Ride Week 2023

Day 1 Swap Meet & Hill Climb-V&V 59 Club

FOM Ride Week kicked off with a ride to the V&V motorcycle only Swap Meet





# Day 2 Murray River Ramble- COMCC

It was a beautiful warm, sunny day, a perfect day for a ride. At 10 o'clock we set off for Mount Pleasant with Tony Mitchell, our Club Captain, leading followed by a goodly number of riders from other clubs as well as COMCC members. I counted 35 bikes at the start, ranging from the most modern to old veterans.

We made good time straight up North East Road to Inglewood, where a stop to gather stranglers was planned. The police got there before us and had set up a breathalyzer station at our planned stop! Our first two riders were tested and thankfully the rest were waved through to a stop at Mt Pleasant.

We set off for Murray Bridge, a little before midday. A steady 110 kph took us to the old and picturesque settlement area of Mypolonga. Road works forced us onto roads few have travelled before. With masterful navigation Tony led us back onto the main Murray Bridge Rd. and to the



Stuart Reserve where the Murray Bridge Lions Club served a BBQ lunch It was close to 2pm when we headed up the Old Murray Bridge Rd through Kanmantoo and Nairne to Littlehampton, our final stop.

It was a very enjoyable ride, well planned and flawlessly organised, with our leaders smoothly recovering from the unavoidable minor setbacks. The Classic Owners MCC has every right to be pleased with their organisation of the day.

Allan Vaisham Honda (CB500T)
(read the full version of Allan's article on www.classicownwers.org)

Day 3 Adelaide Hills to Birdwood- Triumph Riders Club SA

The Triumph Riders Club organised the Hills ride to Birdwood Mill.

About 30 bikes assembled at Hazelwood Park for the start. Weather looked fine and cool. Bonneville-mounted Alan Benn led the ride to the first stop in Lobethal via Kersbrook. The assembled bikes made a great sight in the bakery car park. The second leg of the ride took us to the Birdwood Motor Museum where we parked on the museum's back oval. Entry to the museum was included in the day's entry fee, and the riders dispersed after a visit to the collection. Thanks to Alan and the Triumph Club marshals for a memorable tour through the hills.



Day 4 Barossa Valley Ride- Barossa Valley MCC

Rather than cross town to Tea Tree Gully for the start of the ride to Lyndoch for the Barossa Ride, I when straight to Lyndoch arriving just in time for the briefing. This being the Ride Week's event for side cars and older bikes, there was a good turnout of these machines particularly outfits. We headed towards Tanunda and then branched off onto some back roads. I found it very cold and had to stop at one point and thaw out my hands on the Matchless's cylinder barrel. The weather did warm up a little because it started raining. Shortly after the ride reached the Mengler Hill lookout it hailed, sending everybody hurrying back to their bikes and head-



ing to Nuriootpa and lunch at the Vine Inn Hotel. Most of the riders made their own way home after lunch, but I stayed with the ride and returned via a scenic route through Seppeltsfield to Lyndoch, where a couple of old Triumphs were loaded back into their trailer for the trip home. Thanks to the Barossa Valley Classic MCC.

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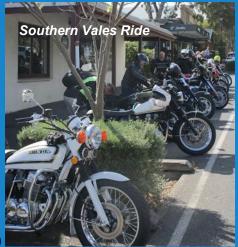
















Poker Run

# Day 5 Tour of the Gillman Speedway - FOMsa

Big thankyou to Ivan Golding and the fantastic crew of volunteers who keep the show on the road. It was an informative talk by Ivan on the history of the Gillman speedway and the challenges faced keeping the gates open. It was fantastic to have an invite to one of the Events later in the year. It would be great to get an email to events@fomsa.org expressing your interest in attending as a FOMsa group with access to the Presidents Room. Thanks to all those who attended today's event. Lew Hylton





Day 5 Night of Champions



Popular SAHMRI fund raiser 'Night of Champions' was the Wednesday feature at the Adelaide Speed Boat Club. Motorcycle disciplines represented were: Trials, Speedway, Land Speed Record attempts, and two young riders from bLU cRU. Master of Ceremonies Jason O'Halloran interviewed the riders and Dave Parker started up his record holding flat tracker.





Author Paul Wilkins with Jason O'Halloran

# Day 6 Southern Vales Ride- Ducati Owners Club SA

The southern ride is always a favourite with me as it's only 5 minutes to the starting point, Victoria Hotel, from home. The day's ride was led by Andy Bedford and about thirty entrants headed south at 9 am. We took the road to Clarendon then on to Willunga via McLaren Flat, Range Road and down the Willunga Hill for morning tea at the Golden Fleece Cafe. Two COMCCers had taken an 'alternative' route, victims of the Happy Valley/ Flagstaff Hill round-about. It certainly put them at the head of the que for coffee. We headed off to that 'must do' of a southern a ride: crossing the Myponga Reservoir Dam. Initially we bypassed the turn-off but sure enough after some interesting tarmac we returned to Mt Pleasant and crossed the dam making the obligatory stop at the lookout. The final stage of the ride was to Lady Bay resort for lunch. Thanks to Andy and the Ducatisa.





# Day 7 Ride for Research Poker Run - COMCC

With no Classics at Hart this year Lew came up with a Poker Run to add to the charity contribution from this year's FOM. The riders assembled at the Tea Tree Gully RSL. Selected their first card and were then led by Alan Kernich (with Lew in the back-up car holding the cards) onto North East Road to collect their second card at the first stop Lobethal. We stopped in the car park of the Bierhaus, where some of us discovered a hipster coffee shop right down the back of the car park. I couldn't finish my cup in time to leave with the others and made my own way to stop two: Lyndoch. The decision was made, given the time, to not make a third stop but to ride back to

the finish at the RSL via the scenic Cockatoo Valley Road and for the players to draw two cards to complete their hands. The eventual winner Adrian How collected his \$125 prize and the player with the worst hand received a consolation prize of a FOM hat. The Poker Run proved a great success with much good humour about the cards drawn and a range of bikes from a vintage Harley to a Vespa participating. Thanks to the COMCC organisers.





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# COMCC RIDE TO VETERANS' DAY

Sunday 24 a group of COMCC members attended the Military Vehicle Museum's Veterans' Day. A ride to the event was to be led by Mark Howson in his RAF- themed Royal Enfield outfit; however, the Enfield retired hurt, and Mark led on his Beeza Bantam. No corner marshals were necessary- just follow the smoke. Members reported an enjoyable visit.











# **WEEKEND RUNS**



# Sunday Ride 27th August

Sunday morning was overcast and cool at Hawthorn Crescent. By 10 o'clock, we had 14 diverse motorcycles ready for the ride. Most impressive to my eye was an enormous 1890cc Indian, which the rider said "took concentration to keep the front wheel on the ground!" At the smaller end, we had a Honda VTR250, along with a range of various sized vintage and modern bikes. We even had Mark Howson's Royal Enfield, RAF outfit. Tony led, the sidecar outfit was tail-end Charlie. We headed up Green Hill Road to Balhannah, turning onto the Woodside Rd for a short distance, then right onto Mappinga Rd, taking us onto the Nairn Rd, then left on Military Rd and following that through Brukunga to Nairn. We stopped at The Little Bird Bakery for our morning coffee break. I think half the fun of our rides are the stops; the conversations are wide and varied .... but with a distinct lean towards motorcycles and rides and always interesting!

It was getting on for midday when we mounted up again. Four of the group split off for other destinations; the rest of us proceed through Nairn to turn right on Bartley St and Summit Rd then right on Spriggs Rd. Tony surprised us by turning left and taking us through some of the new developments of Mt Barker, coming out onto Peach Rd at Wistow. Proceeding down the Wellington Rd to Woodchester, we turned left over the freeway past Callington and left on the Old Princes Highway, through Kanmantoo, towards Nairn. Right at the Harrogate turn-off, through Harrogate, and then headed towards Woodside. Shortly after Harrogate, Tony led us on some great roads that I did not recognise. We came out on Quarry Rd at the Woodside - Lobethal roundabout. From there through Lobethal and down the Cudlee Creek Road to the Cudlee Creek Café, where we stopped for lunch a little after 1 pm. We had a pleasant lunch; and since several of us had over an hour ride to get home from there, it was decided to split up and head home.

A very enjoyable ride with the sun appearing after our morning break and Tony leading us on interesting roads. Is there a better way to spend a Sunday? More photos of the ride on our Classic Owner's Facebook page: follow the link on www.classicowners.org



Lunch stop at Cudlee Creek

Alan Vaisham co-Club Captain



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# **MID-WEEK RUNS**

### Mid-week Run 6 Sept



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> was bright and sunny for our bi-weekly ride, it even tried to be warm! 15 machines including two sidecars were ready to set off at 10am. I was appointed leader for the day's ride and suggested Wistow for morning break and Milang for lunch. A few riders felt Milan was longer than they wished to sit in the saddle but were happy to ride to Wistow.

It was my intention not to go on very twisty roads to keep the sidecars contented. I failed!

We went straight up Greenhill Rd to Uraidla, where we turned left heading for Lobethal at the Cold Store, turning right onto Tiers Rd and to Woodside. I had not realised how twisty the roads were. On a solo, you just lean into the corner and enjoy it without thinking. The sidecar 'drivers?' have to wrestle their machines through the corners. Sorry guys!

At Woodside, we turned onto the Nairn Rd and followed it into Nairn where we turned right onto Summit Rd over the Freeway, right to Spriggs Rd, left on Bald Hill Rd, left on Hartmann Rd onto Peach Rd and Wistow.

With the warm weather and relaxing sunshine, we spent a little longer talking over our coffee; and it was a little after midday that I suggested we continue our ride. There was a distinct "Do we have to?" from the riders.

Eight of us went on towards Milang; the others turned for home. We went straight down the hill on the Wellington Rd through Woodchester, turning left



on the Meechi Rd to Langhorne Creek. Everywhere you looked, the paddocks were golden with Canola blossoms. We followed the Langhorne Creek Rd to Lake Plains Rd and on to Milang Bakery for lunch. We had an enjoyable lunch swapping stories of rides and motorcycles. When it was time to head for home, we all voted for taking in Bull Creek Road on our way to Mead-

ows. We set out for Strathalbyn via Nine Mile Rd, through Strathalbyn we took the Ashbourne Rd, over the hill to Ashbourne and Bull Creek Rd, and on to Meadows. There we split up, with some of us heading to Mylor, and some to Clarendon. A great ride aided by friendly weather. I clocked up a moderate 124 miles or 200km.

Alan Vaisham co-Club Captain

# FOR SALE & WANTED

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.classicowners.org

# **FOR SALE**

#### BMW r/100 1977 classic

A very reliable classic tourer on club rego. Motor, gearbox, clutch all rebuilt. Much money spent! Rego TER 302

<u>Don</u> **0434893119** 

Royal Enfield 350cc 2017

with 2930 kms on the clock. \$5.050 Contact

Rex **0449 625 558** 

Yamaha RD400 mufflers,

nice condition.

David **0420 227 414** 

# 1960 Triumph Bonneville

Over \$25k spent on it – all offers considered.

Bob **0411 687 666** 

#### WANTED

1969 Yamaha DS6 Parts
Seat - Any condition
RH Engine Cover
Fuel Tap
LH Side cover retaining screw.
Engine bash plate
Stuart
0497 035 013

Seat, exhaust & headlight for an XS650 Yamaha 1972 David **0420 227 414** 

Centre stand for Yamaha FJ600 Seca 2 1994 v model Bob **0409 677 553** 

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?

# **NEW MEMBERS**

A welcome to the club is extended to...

Keith Mills Port Noarlunga South Bruno Virgili Renown Park

Anthony Katern Payneham South William O'Callaghan Torrensville

Rex Wallis Grange Steve Pearson Magill

Stuart Dyson Para Hills West Michael Jones Fulham

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# CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023-2024

Joining \$15 (includes lapel badge)

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

#### 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. *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. 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 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 correctly filled in and is stamped for the current financial year. HEAVY PENATIES APPLY

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 <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.



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# **DEADLINE FOR**

March - May 2024 General Meeting last week in November

