

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

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

23 March Night @ the Speedway Gillman Speedway www.fomsa.org Ride to Balaclava (see bottom of the page) 7 April Proposed visit to the Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally 24 **19 May** Distinguished Gentleman's Ride www.gentlemansride.com Log Book Day 15 June July COMCC AGM 22 22 Sept Arthur Clisby Run Events (fhmcsa.org.au) Classics at Hart www.fomsa.org 12-13 Oct Bay to Birdwood Bay to Birdwood (history.sa.gov.au) 20

**25 - 27** Jampot Rally Victor Harbour

### MOPED RUN DATES

Co-ordinators Malcom Downie 0439 891 355 Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917 2024 MOPED PLUS CALENDAR

4 Feb	Goolwa	9 August Williamstown
14 April	Mount Pleasant	Date TBC October Mount Barker
9 June	Strathalbyn	1 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 <u>Ride destination decided on the day</u>

### 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.

7 APRIL RIDE TO BALACLAVA to visit COMCC member's bike collection and lunch at a local pub. Bob Finnie is organising a visit to Balaclava to visit a bike collection. Details at the March General Meeting and via email and the COMMC website.

### FROM THE CHAIR

Our annual summer BBQ at Thorndon Park in January was a great start to the new year. Those attending enjoyed good weather, good company and a delicious meal. Many thanks to the chief organisers, Bob and Natalie Cole.

The club's next major event was our contribution towards the Festival of Motorcycling's 'European Motorcycle Day' which was held at Balhannah Oval on 18 February. Ideal warm sunny weather added to a very successful day with a large turnout of machines, some of them rare and rarely seen. Thanks go to all of the participating local clubs, sponsors, and volunteers for a beaut day. Special thanks to the FOMsa organising committee.

Our club membership is holding its own at a fairly steady 300 financial members. Weekend, weekday and moped runs are all continuing to attract a modest but steady following.

Catering at the West Croydon–Kilkenny RSL clubrooms on general meeting nights is being patronised by members each month, but I would love to see increased numbers this 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.

Events coming up include a VIP night at the Gillman Speedway on 23 March, a return visit to the Booleroo museum and of course, preparations have already begun for the big FOMsa 'Classics at Hart' weekend in October.

To those who don't already, join with us in our various club activities - the more the merrier!

For all the up to date club news and event announcements, keep an eye on the COMCC web site calendar of events at <u>http://classicowners.org/</u> and the Festival of Motorcycling SA web site at <u>https://fomsa.org</u>

#### Alan Kernich President

### EDITOR'S COMMENTS



Welcome to the first *Courier of 2024.* It looks like being a big year for COMCC as this edition

covers two events in the first two months of the year– Summer BBQ p14 and European Motorcycle Day p 9-11. Over the page is printed the year's COMCC calendar of events planned at this stage of the year. I expect others to be added and possible changes and confirmations, so follow the presidents advice and check the websites in his report.

This edition also includes ride reports from co-Club Captain Alan Vaisham. Alan 's full reports can be read on the club website.

Trevor Jones Editor

# 2024 COMCC CALENDAR

accurate at time of printing check closer to the date www.classicowners.org



### **FEBRUARY**

5 Mopeds Gawler 18 European Motorcycle Day Balhannah Oval

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues Weekend Ride Sunday after General Meeting Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

### MARCH

23 Gillman Speedway Visit
24 Booleroo Steam Traction Rally 2024
Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues
Weekend Ride Sunday after
General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

March-May Courier

### JUNE

9 Mopeds Strathalbyn

15 Log Book Day

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues Weekend Ride Sunday after General Meeting Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

### JULY 22 COMCCAGM

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues Weekend Ride Sunday after General Meeting Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday General Meeting & AGM 4thTuesday

July-August Courier

### OCTOBER

Date TBC Mopeds Mt Barker 5 FOM Poker Run (TBC) 12-13 Classics at Hart

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues Weekend Ride Sunday after General Meeting Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## NOVEMBER

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<b>DECEMBER</b> 1 Mopeds Charleston	JANUARY 2025 Date TBC Summer BBQ
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NO MEETINGS HELD IN DECEMBER	General Meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
December-February Courier	

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



#### Mopeds Plus Charleston Challenge 3 December 2023 **Participants**

Malcolm Downie Norton 1971 750cc		
Grant Christie Suzuki 2003 600cc		
Roger O'Loughlin Horex 1953 350cc		
Mika Beyer Honda 2013 109cc		
Kym Miller & Debbie Yamaha 1978 500cc		
Joe Betschart Moto Guzzi 2000 1100cc DJP outfit		
Don & Lyn Jennings Harley 2010 1585cc		

Mick Hayes Suzuki 2016 650cc Warren Duncan Honda 2008 250cc Paul David Matchless 1940 350cc Mark Beyer Honda 2010 105 cc Ian Voysey Malvern Star 1948 98cc Graham Riley & Sharon Zundapp 1957 200cc

Steve Ball Kawasaki 2018 773cc

Paul Bangman BMW K78 750cc Allan Vaisham Yamaha 1978 250cc

A beautiful day resulted in our best turn out for the 2023 Moped Plus rides with 16 bikes and 21 participants. What a fantastic array of motorcycles - a 1940 Matchless; a 1948 Malvern Star and a 1953 Horex through to a 2000 Motor-Guzzi plus DJP outfit -an impressive turnout!

Unfortunately, Graham couldn't get his Zundapp Bella to fire up for the start so 15 bikes left Charleston for the picturesque ride through rolling hills of Dawsley to Nairne. With such a wide variety of bikes and engine capacities we were strung out over many kms, and the stop in Nairne enabled us to regroup. Phil left us here as he was feeling unwell.

The ride then proceeded via back roads through Blakiston, Oakbank, Lenswood, Lobethal returning to Charleston for a great lunch outdoors at the Charleston Hotel. It was good to see all the bikes complete the full journey with only a small mishap when the Horex went down on gravel at a corner stop with fortunately only minor damage.

Prior to the start, Mike spoke for all the riders in thanking Warren and Allan for their contribution to the success of the Mopeds Plus group and in particular for setting out the six rides that we completed in 2023. Each ride takes us through completely different countryside and there are very few stretches of any ride where we experience 100 kph speeds and long straights which can lead to car drivers banking up behind the ride.

Thanks to Mick Hayes for leading the ride and Grant Christie for Tail End Charlie duties. Thanks also to Allan Wallis, Geoff Stevens, and Wayne Williams for their back up support and trailer.

#### Mopeds Plus Goolwa Hindmarsh Targa 4 February 2024

The Goolwa Mopeds Plus ride was held on a very warm day with eleven bikes including three recently restored bikes – a 1960 Zundapp owned by Rex Wallis, Mark Howson's 1958 BSA Bantam, and Bernie Burton's 1982 Kawasaki 440cc.



The riders left around 10:30am and rode across the Hindmarsh Island Bridge and around the island stopping briefly to view the Murray Mouth. We broke for lunch at the Islander Tavern.

After lunch the riders travelled around the back of Goolwa past the airport and onto the barrages and then returning back to the starting point. Despite the warm day, it was a very pleasant ride with no breakdowns. Thanks to Mick Hayes for leading the ride and Roger O'Loughlin and Tony Earnshaw for keeping all riders on track.

#### Targa Participants

Mark Howson BSA Bantam '58 175cc	Miranda Howson Suzuki 2017 650cc
Mick Hayes Suzuki 2016 650cc	Joe Betschart Moto Guzzi 2000 1100cc with DJP outfit
Roger O'Loughlin Suzuki 1988 650cc	Bernie Burton Kawasaki 1982 440cc
Rex Wallis Zundapp 1960 200cc	Tony Mitchell Honda 1987 500cc
Allan Vaisham Yamaha 1982 250cc	Tony Earnshaw Yamaha 1972 125cc
Trevor Veitch Canam 2020 1350cc	

NEXT RUN: Sunday 14th April Mount Pleasant Marathon START: 10:00am for 10:30 Lovell's Bakery carpark in Mount Pleasant Please provide feedback on the rides in 2023 to Malcolm or Geoff so we can add or amend the rides before they are finalised for 2024.



## **NEW MEMBERS**



A welcome to the club is extended to...

Jonathan Kease	Hamley Bridge	St
Mark Rogers	Berri	M
David Turner	Marden	Rı
Jim Coombe	Glen Osmond	Ar
Gary Beens	Glenalta	Da
lan Modistach	Colonel Light Gds	M
Stuart Dyson	Para Hills West	St

Steve Argue		
Mervyn Tucker		
Russel Norton		
Angus Kirkman		
David Creaser		
Michael Jones		
Steve Pearson		

Stirling
Bellevue Heights
Carey Gully
West Richmond
Largs North
Fulham
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### EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE DAY

The Festival of Motorcycling's first event of 2024 was the follow-up to last year's popular British Motorcycle Day. The decision was made to expand the range of eligible bikes by including marques from mainland Europe; and as Britain is geographically part of Europe, Brits were still in- despite what the wags said about Brexit. COMMC was well established with gazebos and flags by the starting time of 10am. Members had ten well-polished bikes on display, mainly UK origin. The range of bikes on display was very diverse with some unusual makes from mainland Europe (see photos). The spectator numbers probably peaked about mid-day. As the temperature rose to the mid 30°s many riders decided to head off, although people were still arriving when the trophies were awarded at 1pm. Congratulations to the Ducati Owners Club, who were the principal organisers, and the other clubs involved for putting on a great day and raising \$2,400 for medical research.

#### Best BMW

Philippe Morin 1977 BMW R100/7

**Best Royal Enfield** L. Crane 2001 Royal Enfield

Best Side Car Flaherty Bros 1955 Vincent Speedway Outfit

Best Other European (France) Ian Spooner 1972 Gitane Testi

Best Race Bike Andy Bedford 2018 Ducati Panigale WSBK

Best Display BSA Club of SA Best Iron Curtain Brett Mitchell MZ Trophy

Best Italian Rob Elliot 1972 MV 150 RSS

Best Costume John Zippel

Best Scooter Graham Riley 1958 Zundapp Bella

**Best British** Bruce Caldwell 1939 New Imperial Model 110

Best in Show Bruce Caldwell 1939 New Imperial Model 110

Lucky Bastard Brett Mitchell (very lucky bastard-took home 2 trophies)

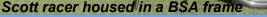




















сомсс member Graham Riley with his trophy winning Zundapp Bella

Union flag—Italian scooter





semaphore street fair

Members of the COMCC participated in the Semaphore Street Fair 26 November last year with a display of bikes on Semaphore Road. Sixteen bikes were assembled before the 9am road closure and the members set about erecting the club gazebos on the median strip. It was the first time for the newly purchased gazebo emblazoned with club logos- very impressive (see photos). Tables and chairs were soon in place, and the members got down to some serious chat. The fair was very well

attended, and the road was packed from 10am until 4pm. Lew and Bob Finnie were kept busy with children and adults

posing for photographs on Lew's BMW outfit and Bob's Harley Electra Glide. Ed Lowery sold his Norton and enlisted a new club member. We had quite a few enquiries about joining COMCC, and some members caught up with old friends. A very successful day and a good promoting for the club. Special thanks to Bob Finnie who provided his van to transport our 'furniture'. TJ



v Paul's 350 Beeza



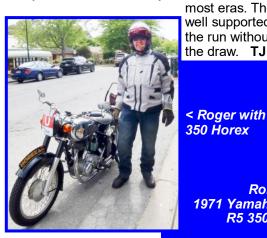
< Bob's Harley rests between photos

Photos: Ron Ritter

The weather was perfect for the oldish machinery in the Bay to Birdwood Run, sunny but cool. There never seems to be many bikes lined up at the West Beach start area, but a post-run search of the program provided some interesting figures. 8 COMCC members were entered (although 1 was Susan in her WV Beetle!). 74 solos entered and 5 sidecars, a total of 79



motorcycles, down from last year's 100 entries. I would have guessed about half that number of bikes. People may join the run enroute, at the alternative start at Tea Tree Gully or leave immediately after the finish. The range of bikes on show represents



most eras. The run to Birdwood was very smooth and well supported by spectators. My Matchless completed the run without any trouble, and another badge goes in the draw. TJ

Ron's 1971 Yamaha

R5 350



TICKETS

# NIGHT @ THE SPEEDWAY

#### Saturday 😒 23 MARCH 2024 6.30 - 10.30pm

watch a night of SPEEDW action at GILLMAN from the PRESIDENT'S Room & VIP area \$10 entrance to the a includes a beer wine or so LIMITED TICKE

ENTRY TO THE TRACK

**GILLMAN SPEEDWAY** 65 WILKINS ROAD GILLMAN



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# **COMCC SUMMER BBQ**



Keith Davies. Evangeline told Keith we expect him at next year's BBQ





Perfect weather at Thorndon Park was the setting for the Annual COMCC picnic. Members began to gather at the rotunda after 11am and Bob and the BBQ boys fired up the barbie (switched it on anyway) about 11.45. The rotunda provided the necessary shade for setting up of the serving table and the seating for lunch. Attendee of most note for the afternoon was Keith Davies. Membership Secretary Ed and his phone confirmed Keith had been a

member of the COMCC since 1961; his membership predates the incorporation of the club-1962. I think this might make him our oldest member with the longest membership. Any member over 97 years of age reading this: if you joined in 1961, please let us know. Better still come to next year's BBQ. Thanks to Social Secretary Bob Cole and his assistants for organising the BBQ and Evangeline for the dessert. The event was much appreciated by the members attending. **TJ** 

### WEEKEND RUNS

#### Sunday ride to Harrogate, 3 December 2023



These were the perfect conditions for a motorbike ride: sunny and 27 degrees. Members seemed to disagree, as only 5 starters gathered at Hazelwood Park. There was a 6th, Rod Bailey on his Ariel Square Four; but he only came to watch the off.

Participants were David Saint (BMW R90S), Ray Hill (BMW R90/6), Campbell Blaney (Harley Davidson XR1200), Phil Allen (BMW F800GT) and myself Suzuki GSF1250 Bandit. I led the first part of the ride, and we headed up Greenhill Rd, turning off at Summertown for Piccadilly and Stirling, then onto the Road

to Echunga. We then headed down the Strathalbyn Rd to Macclesfield and turned right to Meadows, then left onto Bull Creek Rd entering Strathalbyn via Ashbourne Rd. We were on the speed limit the whole time encountering very little traffic.

We stopped for morning tea at the old Railway Station. Before heading off, Ray Hill volunteered to lead, as he knew a route to Harrogate. Again, there was very little traffic on the road, as we rode towards Wistow, before turning right circumnavigating the Mt Barker sprawl and continuing through Nairne & Dawsley until we arrived in Harrogate. There we parked up at the tennis club where Campbell Blaney had a lump of wood dropped on his head by a cockatoo/galah which was sitting in a large pine tree under which we were sheltered. Obviously it was time to go, now we had angered the local avian population.

From Harrogate the ride dispersed, all riders making their own way home. Great conditions for a ride in the hills, just a shame that more people didn't join in. I must say that a small ride is far easier for all concerned and that the traffic was pretty non-existent for the whole ride. Midweek riders who think that Sunday rides are too busy on the road, need to think again.

#### **Charles Oliver**

#### 2023 New Year's Eve Ride

Fourteen riders turned up for the last ride of 2023. As always there was a diverse range of bikes from modern to vintage, with the most unusual, to your reporter's eye, a Suzuki Boulevard 650cc single cylinder cruiser. Our Club Captain Tony Mitchell, led us over Mt Osmond, to the freeway. Excellent views of the City presented on our right, with particularly clear sky making the buildings of the CBD stand out.

The ride from Peter's Creek Rd, to Ashbourne took us through some won-

derful scrub and forests with small farms in between. Delightful country! Just out of Strath, our hard working Secretary, Charles Oliver, discovered that the bolts holding the rear sprocket on his 67 Triumph had come loose: one had seared off, others were missing. Looked like a trailer was needed and Alan, our President, set out for home intending to return with a trailer. He was just about to leave home when Charles phoned that he had managed to get the bike going and was on his way home.

As luck would have it, a local gentleman was teaching his daughter to ride on the Strath Oval just opposite where Charles had broken down. He was a bike enthusiast and owner of several motorcycles. He rang his wife to bring a box of odd bolts and screws down; and with a selection of odd blots, duct tape and cable ties, they managed to get the bike fit to ride, with great care. After lunch some of us headed home. The others went to Langhorne Creek and Milang. Just out of Milang they rode through a swarm of insects, fortunately not bees, but it was necessary to stop and clean visors. From Milang to Claytons Bay, to Bull Creek Rd, and Meadows where the ride split up and each headed home.

We can all look forward to more great rides in 2024!

Allan Vaisham Honda CB450



### MID-WEEK RUNS



#### \_15 January 2024

At 10 o'clock, 10 bikes, including a brand new Royal Enfield cruiser, set out for Lobethal, with our President, Alan Kernich leading. The weather was quite warm but not really unpleasant, especially through the hills where the roads were well shaded by trees. Alan led us down to the Lobethal Bakery for refreshments and a chat. Three bikes headed back to town including our leader. Your reporter was elected to lead the way to Strathalbyn and lunch. Unable to resist the Roller Coaster on Jungfer Rd, we turned left up Ridge Rd, did the Roller Coaster and then on to Woodside. At Wistow, seven riders held a short council of war and decided that we would arrive at Strathalbyn too early for lunch, so we elected Milang as the lunch stop. Going down Wellington Rd, we saw a semi-trailer tanker that had run off the road and jack-knifed. We slowed, being responsible road uses, and passed the accident at a safe speed. The supervising policeman, gave us a thumbs up! A couple of kilometres down Lake Plains Rd, the temperature dropped noticeably. By the time we reached Milang, there were only four Bikes left, the others having dropped out and turned for home. We had a very pleasant lunch swapping stories, then set out for Strath. where we stopped at Collectable Classics to admire a Triumph TR6, which Kim, one of the remaining riders, had just bought. We drooled over the amazing cars and bikes on offer. A very enjoyable ride taking in a good variety of roads.

#### Allan Vaisham Honda CB 450



### 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.<u>classicowners.org</u>

#### 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 0434893119 Don Royal Enfield 350cc 2017 with 2930 kms on the clock. \$5.050 Contact 0449 625 558 Rex Yamaha RD400 mufflers, nice condition. David 0420 227 414 1960 Triumph Bonneville Over \$25k spent on it - all offers considered. 0411 687 666 Bob 4 classic bikes and parts plus 2 motors 1962 Triumph Tiger 110 which will require a full rebuild. Triumph motor with gear box not sure of age or for what bike 0408369192 Chris

#### 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 0409 677 553 Bob T140E left hand switch block. Ray 0423 956 664

Evangeline has the club regalia on sale at the General Meetings. Is your bike complete without a COMCC sticker? Are <u>YOU</u> complete without a COMCC windcheater?

#### 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.

### Classic Owners Motor Cycle Club

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#### CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023-2024 Joining \$15 (includes lapel badge)

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>

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