



EVENTS CALENDAR

Check with www.classicowners.org or check with a committee member before setting out

Sept 22 Arthur Clisby Run Events (fhmcsa.org.au)
Oct 5 FOM Mill to Mill Poker Run www.fomsa.org

17 FOMSA 'Goes to the Dogs' (see p3) www.fomsa.org

12-13 Classics at Hart www.fomsa.org

20 Bay to Birdwood Bay to Birdwood (history.sa.gov.au)

20 Barossa Valley MCC Angaston Rec Park

25 - 27 Jampot Rally Victor Harbour

25 - 27 2024 BSAOC of SA Goolwa Rally BSA Owners' Club of SA Inc

(bsasa.org.au)

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 **13 October** Pt Adelaide (see p14)

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 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. Usual starting point is Hazelwood Park.

Allan Vaisham continues in the Club Captain role this year. Allan will outline the rides at the general meetings. Also check

www.classicowners.org



OBITUARIES

Wietse Keunig



Wietse as many of us remember him- on the BMW ready to lead the ride.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Wietse Keunig. Wietse was a regular midweek rider and invariably was the ride leader on his BMW. His wife Margaret was usually on the pillion seat on these midweek rides.

Wietse was also a member of the V&V and the Velocette Club. He had good collection of bikes, judging by the pile of log books which he presented to the registrars annually at Log Book Day. He is survived by his wife Margaret and brother Frans, who are also members of our club.

Our sincere condolences go to Margaret, Frans and the family.

The funeral was held on 6 June.

Charles Oliver Secretary



COMCC AGM 2024

COMCC 2024 AGM was held on 23 July after the General Meeting. Life member Rudi Vuurens took the chair, after outgoing President Alan Kernich read his report of the year to the meeting (see page 5). All positions were vacated, and nominations called. The majority of the 23-24 Committee renominated and were re-elected unopposed. However, there was a change at the top with Charles Oliver elected unopposed president for 2024-25. New faces were welcomed on to the Committee: Malcolm Downie Secretary and Mark Howson Social Secretary. The meeting concluded with the traditional pizza supper.

The complete list of Office bearers is on page 19.

FROM THE CHAIR



COMCC President's Annual Report Presented by Alan at the AGM 23 July

Once again I am happy to report a busy year for our club. A steady stream of widely varied activities have taken place throughout the past 12 months. These have been mostly well supported and generally speaking I think our club is going well.

One of our main social events for the past year was the annual dinner and presentation night, held here in the RSL clubrooms last August. A modest turnout enjoyed a meal together accompanied by a great band

"The Customlines". Our other main social get together, our annual summer barbeque in January earlier this year, was well attended and once again expertly catered for by our Social Secretary's group.

During the year our regular mid-week, Sunday and Mopeds Plus rides have continued to attract a dedicated group of members, although we committee members continue to be perplexed as to the whereabouts of almost every new member who says they are interested in group rides.

Log Book Day this year went smoothly, and the continued streamlining of our systems is making life easier for our hardworking registration team. On our monthly meeting nights, pre-meeting dinners continue to be well supported. I would encourage any of you who have not yet taken this opportunity to get along early and enjoy a very economical meal and a drink in fine company.

Membership numbers remain fairly steady, fluctuating over the year between about 270 to 300. Our online renewal system is working smoothly. For those of you who haven't yet caught up with us online, here is a list of internet and social media sites to look at. These days, this is the only way to keep up with everyone's busy schedule.

COMCC web site: This includes a calendar of upcoming events and rides etc. and reports of recent events. Also everything about club (historic) registration, club committee contacts, our history, a club library catalogue and membership application and renewal forms. Go to: www.classicowners.org COMCC Facebook: Go to www.facebook.com and search for Classic Owners MCC

Festival of Motorcycling – Classics at Hart www.fomsa.org
Festival of Motorcycling Facebook: Go to www.facebook.com and search for Classics at Hart

If all this seems confusing, don't despair. We all feel like that sometimes. There are links on each site to jump to the others! Don't be scared – give it a go.

Coming up soon is our Annual Lunch event on 24 August at the British Hotel. Bookings can be made on line with the payment of a refundable \$10 deposit. Life membership and Club member of the Year awards will be pre-

sented.

To finish, I would like to summarise the Festival of Motorcycling events our club has been involved with this year and then present a brief list of upcoming events. Our club is a major contributor to the FOM and its charitable fundraising efforts.

Last year's FOM ride week was well supported with rides organised by several different local clubs. The Barossa, the Adelaide Hills, Southern Vales and the Murray Lands were all included. Once again the Night of Champions event was a stand out success, and a visit to the Gillman Speedway was of interest to many. The Poker Run was well supported and is planned to be held again this year. European Motorcycle Day at the Balhannah Oval in February was a great day out in beautiful weather and enjoyed by all who attended.

Attention then turned to the Winter Swap Meet, held for the first time this year under cover, at the Angle Park Greyhound Racing Club facility. Huge! Busy! Wonderful!

Preparations for this year's Festival of Motorcycling in October are well in hand, and we can look forward to an excellent event. This year's Hart's Mill events in October will include a comprehensive bike display, a Show & Shine competition, a cavalcade ride, food and music.

Lastly, on standing down after three years as president of the club, I would like to thank you all for your support. I would especially like to thank all of our hard working committee members and all of the volunteers, for the many hours of work they have contributed to make our functions and events during the past year run smoothly and successfully. Thank you, everyone.

Alan Kernich President

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

As this is the first edition of the *Courier* after the 2024 AGM, I would like to thank the members for their endorsement at the AGM; and I would also like to thank members and Committee members who have taken the time to send in articles, reports and photos. The *Courier* is a record of the Classic Owners MCC, and there is plenty going on in this coming quarter to be recorded.

The **Festival of Motorcycling** kicks off next month (see pages 10-11) with a Poker Run (highly recommended) on 5 Oct and the following weekend by the Classics at Hart display in the Port. The Levis Club has a Show & Shine on the Sunday, and there is a Cavalcade to Outer Harbour.

Go to www.fomsa.org to register. If you can help out with the event, contact Lew Hylton 8449 7470 / 0488 800 857 events@fomsa.org









Thanks to Lew Hylton for the photos

FOM's mid-winter fund raiser for the SAHMRI charity was an Indoor Swap Meet on 22June. Plans were almost derailed when the original venue was unavailable, but Greyhound Racing SA stepped in an provided and alternative. Principle organiser together with the FOM committee was COMCC's Mike Howson.

The meet attracted over 300 visitors on the day and netted SAHMRI \$2500, a great result. The success of the Swap Meet indicates it deserves a spot on next year's calendar. **TJ**

COMCC ANNUAL LUNCH 2024



COMCC members gathered in the pleasant surroundings of the British Hotel Port Adelaide for an annual lunch replacing the traditional annual dinner. The forty members attending enjoyed a meal, conversation and a chance to congratulate this year's Clubmember of the Year Allan Vaisham, and Bob Cole on his award of Life Membership of the Classic Owners MCC. Thanks to the out going Social Secretary Bob Cole for arranging the afternoon.



^ 24/25 President Charles Oliver, makes his opening remarks.

Bob Cole Life Member

Allan Vaisham Clubmember of the Year 2024





WEEKEND RUNS



Weekend Ride - Sunday 2 June 2024

Chris Herren, on his bright yellow BMW 1100, led us up the hill from Hawthorn Cres to Crafers and across the Freeway. We travelled via Upper Sturt Rd to Clarendon, then down Baker's Gully Rd, to McLaren Flat Rd and on to the top of Willunga Hill. We turned left towards Meadows for our morning stop at the Community Bakery. There was indoor seating available, but we chose to sit outdoors in the sun which was comfortably warm. Goolwa was chosen for our lunch stop. Tony led the ride back towards Adelaide but turned left onto Lanacoona Rd, and Victor Harbour Rd towards Middleton, and Goolwa. One of our troop failed to notice Tony turning North and very sensibly turned South towards Victor Harbour and the Goolwa Rd, arriving in Goolwa well before the others. All were united for lunch at the Goolwa Bakery where again we sat in the sunshine and enjoyed lunch. After lunch we headed home via Bull Creek Rd and Meadows, where we split up and took our chosen road for home. All the riders who set out from Hawthorn Cres stayed for the entire ride! A very enjoyable, if a little cold, ride. Thanks to Chris, for leading the first half and to Tony, for the rest.

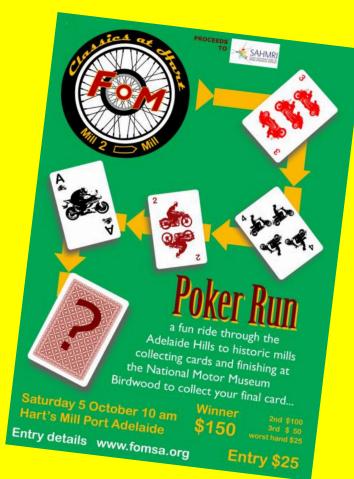
Allan Vaisham Club Captain Honda CB450







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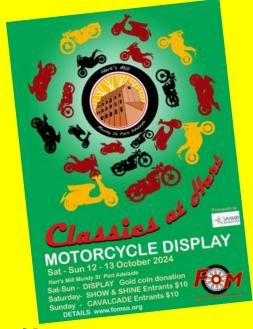


SAT 5 Oct POKER RUN





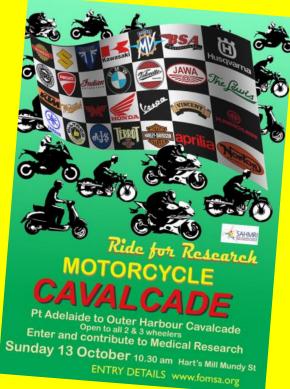
SAT 12 Oct SHOW & SHINE



SAT 12 & SUN 13 Oct CLASSICS @ HART DISPLAY

ww. fomsa.org





SUN 13 Oct CAVALCADE

If you can help on the day with any of these events contact Lew or any Committee member

Contact Details p 19

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

Mopeds Plus Strathalbyn Participants

Allan Vaisham Honda 1975 500cc

David Saint BMW 1957 250cc

John Dwyer BSA 1951 125cc

Barry Thomas Honda 1972 350cc



Rex Wallis Zundapp 1960 200

Graham Riley Zundapp 1958 200cc

Leon Van Brussel Honda 1987 500cc

John Groeschel BMW 1994 1000cc

The Mopeds Plus Strathalbyn ride was held on a cloudy and cool day which suited most of the bikes if not all the riders. Riders departed Strathalbyn at 10.30am but didn't get far before the first breakdown. John Dwyer's BSA Bantam didn't seem to appreciate the long, straight roads; and after about 5kms, John returned to Strathalbyn.

Arriving at the Finniss General Store around 11.30am, riders stopped for a very enjoyable lunch.

After lunch the ride headed off to Clayton Bay and then through Milang and onto Langhorne Creek. When the ride was almost within sight of Strathalbyn, Barry Thomas's Honda began to cough and splutter. After loading the bike onto the trailer (ably assisted by "head mechanic" Allan Wallis), the ride finished at Strathalbyn.

A big thanks to Graham Riley for leading and to Allan Vaisham and John Groeschel for marshalling duties. Thanks also to Paul David for supplying the trailer and transporting Barry Thomas's bike back to Brighton and to Geoff Stevens for assisting on the back-up trailer.

The Club's ongoing support of the back-up trailer for the Moped Plus rides is appreciated, as it was once again required to assist transport disabled bikes during the run.



1957 BMW 250 cc

1972 Honda CB 350







Participants aka 'The Wild Bunch'

<1975 Honda 500cc

Williamstown Wander 9 August 2024 Participants

Malcolm Downie Norton 1971 750cc

Grant Christie Suzuki 2003 600cc

Graham Riley Zundapp Bella 1958 200cc

Mark Howson BSA 1958 175cc

Mick Hayes Suzuki 2005 650cc

Roger O'Loughlin Suzuki 1988 650cc

Rex Wallis Zundapp Bella1958 200cc

Harry Howarth BSA Outfit 1959 500cc

David Saint BMW 1957 250cc

There was a good turnout of 9 bikes on the day with three Suzuki's, two BSA's and two Zundapp's shepherded by a Norton and BMW.

The temperature was quite cold with cloudy skies. Although this suited the older bikes as we headed to Mt Pleasant, the riders were pleased to get inside the bakery and warm up over lunch.

Rex found out why it is impossible to find battery covers for Zundapp's. His Bella lost power, and he discovered that the cover had come loose and had shorted out the battery. Obviously, many covers are lost and the rider is unaware.

Mark's BSA stopped running (the different fuel mix he tried the likely problem), but Allan and Geoff soon had the bike on the back-up trailer.

The Norton ran out of fuel some 5kms from the finish, but Harry had a small jerry can of fuel which was enough to get through to the nearest fuel outlet at Kersbrook.

Thanks to Mick for leading us on a variation to the normal route, and thanks to Grant and Roger for their patience as corner marshalls.

NEXT RIDE: 13 October 2024.

The Mopeds will join the street display and cavalcade of classic bikes as part of the FOMSA Classics at Hart event, instead of the usual Mt Barker Burble. **Arrive:** 8 30am at the Harts Mill Port Adelaide, for the street display from

Arrive: 8.30am at the Harts Mill, Port Adelaide, for the street display from 9.00am

Cavalcade of Classic Bikes starts 10.30am

We hope to see as many members with their classic bikes as possible in attendance.

Malcolm Downie & Geoff Stevens



[^] Group photo Williamstown

BSA 1959 500cc > outfit





NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to the club is extended to...

John Whitters Littlehampton
John Puntillo North Haven
Edward Bonner Felixstow
Tony Barduca Evandale

Adam Morphett Hackham West Rodney Giddings Mansfield Park Joe Wood Allenby Gardens Patrick Atherton Mt Barker

CLUB (HISTORIC) REGISTRATION ?



WEEKEND RUNS



Weekend Ride 28 July 2024

On a cold but mostly clear Sunday, Tony Mitchell leading and nine following, rode up Greenhill Rd to Balhannah. We wound our way, avoiding Woodside and Oakbank, to Brukunga and Nairne for our morning stop at the Little Birdy Bakery. We sat outside absorbing the sunshine and sorted many of the world's problems, with particular attention to the shortcomings of electric vehicles and the pros and cons of various makes of helmets. After the break, Tony led us up the Old Princes Hwy through the suburbs of Mt Barker, then Flaxley, Macclesfield and Strathalbyn, onto the Goolwa Rd and Milang, where we stopped for lunch at the Railway Museum Cafe. Some of the riders had not been to the Museum Cafe before and were pleasantly surprised at the quality of the food and friendly, but perhaps not professional service. It was nonetheless a very pleasant experience. Our group had a carriage to ourselves, so conversation was easy and relaxed. We spent nearly an hour there before re-mounting our bikes. We took the shortest way home, going through Strathalbyn and a brief stop at Meadows before going our separate ways home. It was a particularly enjoyable ride with roads to suit all tastes. Some twisty and some straight and fast enough to be interesting. Thanks to Tony for leading and sharing his amazing knowledge of our roads. Thanks also to Martin Blindell for riding tail end for the entire ride.

Allan Vaisham Club Captain Honda CB500T



MID-WEEK RUNS



Wednesday 16 July 2024



Five riders turned up for the second midweek ride of the month, not entirely surprising as it was cold with a little drizzle and all the roads we travelled on were wet. Your reporter led the group up Greenhill, for Williamstown, our planned morning stop. A short way along Ridge Rd. a 1975 model Honda 500T, misfired a few times and stopped dead. The other riders pulled over and waited patiently while the owner did some quick troubleshooting, eventually finding the kill switch at fault. The only way to get going again was to hot-wire the ignition. This done, we set out again via Marble Hill Rd, Montacute Rd, Corkscrew Rd and Gorge Rd. We thought it was a bit late for Williamstown and that Cudlee Creek was a better bet. Unfortunately. the cafe was closed, so we proceeded to Gumeracha where we enjoyed a long coffee break reminiscing on how we started riding and our first bikes. By the time we were ready to brave the cold, it was almost lunch time. We discussed remaining where we were for lunch but decided that was too decadent. One rider set out for home. The remaining four set out for Lobethal 10 km on and had lunch in the Bakery. After a pleasant lunch we decided it was time to go home and warm up. We rode through Woodside, and riders dropped out when convenient for their ride home.

The weather was a little unpleasant, but good company made it a pleasant experience.

Allan Vaisham Club Captain Honda CB500T

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

1975 BMW R90S 54116km good condition

Krauser Classic Panniers original toolkit pump regular service history

new paint, many parts replaced or reconditioned since 2007.

Engine recondition 10000km ago TIE943 on club registration, \$22,000

Detley 0437918221

GARAGE Sale

Frank is having a clear out—this is a sample of his wares, space doesn't permit the full list —see

www.clasicowners.org or contact

Frank Milligan

Text only 0412 247 489

1963 Honda Benly Twin Honda Z50 Wreck or Restore? 1954 Excelsior 197 1954? DKW 250 single basket case 1983 CB1100RD

Villers Engine Basket case, incomplete CB200 Twin 60%

1973 S110 Honda Benly Basket case

Suzuki TS 250 Rough Suzuki RL 250 Rough

CB500 Four approx. 20% Very rough 1968? Honda CB125 Twin

2@ Lowlight Morris Minors, good conditions

Morris Minor 1000, rough, dented rear fender

Early 50's Split w/shield Morris Minor, rough wreck or restore

1973 w/cooled Honda Z360, rough

make one from two Workshop Manuals

Small Bike Owners Handbooks

M/C Club magazines Some Penrite Oils Piles of Oddments

WANTED

Kawasaki Z650 parts 1977-1980

Ray Chappell **0423 956 664**

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?

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 Malcolm Downie <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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<u>Club Requirements for registering historic vehicles – The Classic Owners Motorcycle Club Inc.</u> on the club's website <u>www.classicowners.org</u>

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023-2024

Joining \$15 (includes lapel badge)

Full \$35 Pensioner \$30 Magazine printed and posted \$15 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. Meals available before the meeting from the RSL kitchen.

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*.





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DEADLINE FOR

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