

Your LOG BOOK(S) must be checked annually even if your membership or registration is not due.

LOG BOOK DAY

14 JUNE 9am - 1pm

West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL 19 Rosetta St West Croydon

Don't forget the sausage sizzle

STOP PRESS: THERE WILL ALSO BE SCONES WITH CREAM

COMCC AGM 22 JULY 2025







EVENTS CALENDAR

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

14 JuneLog Book Day22 JuneFOMsa Undercover Swap MeetFestival of Motorcycling
SA – FOMsa22 JulyCOMCCAGM23 AugustAnnual Club Luncheon, Saturday 23 August 12-2pm
British Hotel Nth, Adelaide

MOPED RUN DATES

Co-ordinators Malcom Downie 0439 891 355 Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917 2025 MOPED PLUS CALENDAR

9 Feb	Targa Goolwa	3 August	Williamstown Wander
6 April	Mount Pleasant Marathon	5 October	One Tree Hill Trundle
1 June	Strathalbyn	7 December	Charleston Challenge

MIDWEEK 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

nth <u>Ride destination decided on the day</u>

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



Sunday 22 June 2025 ANGLE PARK GREYHOUND RACING SA 55 Cardigan St Angle Park

Seller's information winterswapmeet@fomsa.org Events Coordinator Mark Howson 0439 831 862

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FROM THE CHAIR



a reminder that membership subs are now due. Anyone holding historic registration should bring their log books for inspection and signing. Members may like to take advantage of the free sausage sizzle outside on the day. On 22 June, the FOMsa Undercover Swap Meet will again be held at the Angle Park Dog Track. Food, coffee will be available and the restaurant will be open. All proceeds go to Medical Research. This was a very popular event last year; and I'm sure Lew, Rob, and the rest of the FOMsa committee will repeat their success.

We have had two long-time members pass away recently: Charlie Brown and Lee Longmire. The club held a 'Last Ride' for Charlie down to the Largs Bay jetty, where we held a small ceremony and committed his ashes to the sea at about the same spot as his wife some years previously. Charlie's words (he was a bit of a wordsmith) live on as links on the COMCC website https://classicowners.org/charlie-browns-motorcycling-memoirs/ and are being serialized in the Courier (see pages 14-15). There was an end-of-life celebration for Lee Longmire on 27 May at the Largs Pier Hotel. Lee was an Ariel enthusiast and had been a member of our club since the 1970s and had once served as Secretary. Both of these gentlemen will be sadly missed around the club. Our heartfelt condolences go their friends and families. The Annual Lunch will be held at the British Hotel, North Adelaide on 23 August from 12-2pm. I have booked for 40, so first in best dressed. You can book through me at president@classicowners.org – there is a \$10 subsidy offered to all club members and partners. Charles Oliver President

EDITOR'S COMMENTS



Charles has listed the events for a busy June, above and you will find information on these upcoming events

in this edition of the Courier. A report and photos of Charlie Brown's Last Ride appears on page 7 and the next episode of his memoirs on pages 14-15. A big turnout for the Moped Plus Mt Pleasant Marathon on pages 8-9 is a reminder autumn is one of the best times to be out on your bike before the winter arrives with the cold and wet. I've included a report from a motorcycle museum I visited in Northern Ireland (pages 10-11). I encourage all members to make a similar contribution to the Courier. It's very easy to take a few photos and write a paragraph about a visit to a museum that is of interest to other members, share what you have seen and tip them off about a place to visit.

A reminder the AGM is coming up in July. It's your chance to make a contribution to the club by joining the COMCC committee. Trevor Jones Editor



This year's Annual Club Lunch will be held at The British Hotel North Adelaide. We have booked for 40 people, so get in early and contact the President to book your seat(s) on mailto:president@classicowners.org or phone on 0466863932 Click the Menu link to see what's on offer :-

www.britishhotel.com.au/

There will be a \$10 meal subsidy for all members and partners.



RENEW YOUR COMCC MEMBERSHIP BEFORE JUNE 30 ONLINE The Classic Owners MCC AND AT GENERAL MEETINGS **Forgot your password? Any difficulties** Ed Lowrey 0413 304 979

OBITUARIES



Lee Longmire

We learnt that longtime COMCC member Lee Longmire passed away recently at Eldercare, Hope Valley, at the age of 96. Lee has been a member of the club since the 1970s; he served briefly as Club Secretary in '76-'77. Lee will be sadly missed by all at the club.

Our condolences go to Lee's family and friends.

On the 27 May a Celebration of Life was held at the Largs Pier Hotel for Lee Longmire. Lee's family and friends gathered and 3 of Lee's bikes were on display: an Ariel Square 4, BSA Gold Star, and a 1939 BSA single. Members of the COMCC attended, Bob Finnie, Pud Freeman, and Stuart McCallan added their reminiscences to those of the family and friends who spoke.

v Shane Longmire





^ Lee with fellow Ariel Square 4 enthusiast, Jess Mallia

< BSA

Gold

Star

Aerial Square





Charlie's Last Ride

1 March 2025, a group of the late Charlie Brown's friends some members of the Classic Owners MCC, and the Harley Owners Group met at the West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL to accompany Charlie on one last ride to Largs Bay jetty to scatter his ashes. Charlie was an active member of the COMCC since the 1970s, served in many committee positions and was awarded Life Membership. Several of the members of the party present at the jetty ceremony recounted some fond memories of Charlie before his ashes were scattered into the gulf.

Thanks to Bob Finnie for organising the ride and ceremony.





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More memories of Charlie Brown on pages 16 and 17 in 'My Motorcycling Days' part 2.

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



Mt Pleasant Marathon 6 April 2025

Participants

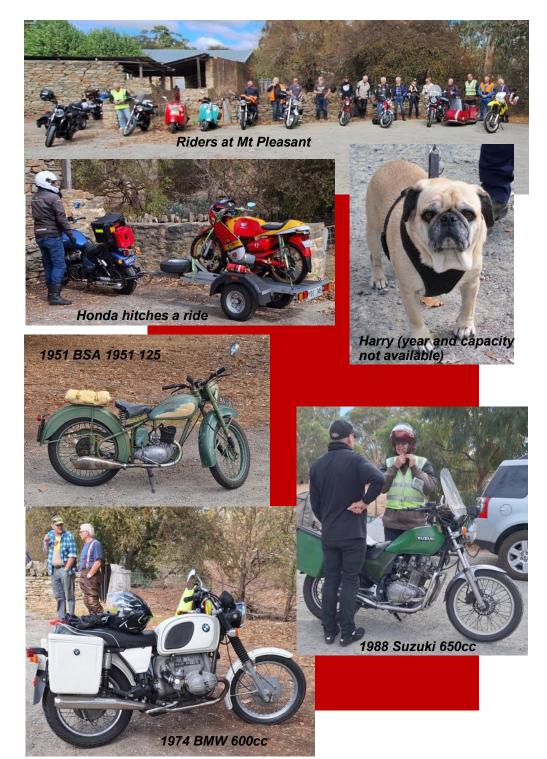
Barry Thomas Honda 1969 CB350cc	Geoff Stevens Triumph 2011 850cc		
Malcolm Downie Norton 1971 750cc	Mick Hayes Suzuki 2005 400cc		
Graham Riley Zundapp Bella 1958 200cc	Tony Earnshaw BMW 1974 600cc		
Allan Vaisham Honda 1969 450cc	Mark Beyer Honda 2010 105cc		
Joe Betschart Moto Guzzi 2000 1100 outfit with David riding pillion	Rod Bailey Yamaha 1988 250cc		
Rex Wallis Zundapp 1960 200cc Bella	John Dwyer BSA 1951 125cc		
John Dwyer BSA 1951 125cc	Mark Howson Honda 2008 CT110cc		
Peter Bernie Kawasaki 1981 440cc	Roger O'Loughlin Suzuki 1988 650cc		
Tony Mitchell Kawasaki 2025 650cc			

Back up trailer Alison Jones, Alan Wallis, and Harry.

A beautiful day with clear skies and 20C witnessed the biggest turnout of bikes for a Mopeds Plus, ride in many years. All 19 participants turned up early. Unfortunately, Peter Bernie wasn't feeling well and returned home. 15 bikes left Lovell's Bakery carpark at 10.30am to complete the ride ably led by Mick Hayes over a 110km route. We started in Mt Pleasant and travelled through Williamstown, Lyndoch, Rowland Flat, Tanunda, and Angaston, where we had lunch before returning via Eden Valley and Springton. The ride skirted around Menglers Hill for the sake of the smaller bikes. The whole ride was relatively free of any vehicular traffic. Lunch was enjoyed by most at the Sunrise Bakery & Café, where we had a good break. All bikes and riders came through the ride unscathed although we were all a bit surprised when Rex Wallis ran out of fuel, again. 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 ride. Special thanks to Mick, Rod (tail-end Charlie), Roger, and Tony E (corner marshals) and Alison to and Alan (and Harry) for their assistance. **NEXT RIDE :** Sunday 1 June 2025

START : commencing from Goodyear Autocare in Rankine St, Strathalbyn 10.00 for 10.30am start

We hope to see members with smaller bikes in attendance but all riders are welcomed. Malcolm Downie





Banner to mark 25 years since Joey Dunlop's death in a racing accident 2000

Joey Dunlop Museum, Ballymoney Northern Ireland On a recent trip to Northern Ireland, I had an opportunity to visit the Joey Dunlop Museum in Ballymoney. The town is rightly proud of their famous motorcycling son. A large section of the town museum is devoted to memorabilia, there is a memorial in the town centre, and a pub 'Joey's Bar'. Dunlop held the record for most Isle of Man TT wins 26, until his record was surpassed but his nephew Michael. He still holds the record for Ulster GP wins 24 and was World Formula 1 Champion 1982-86. The centrepieces of the museum's display are two of Dunlop's bikes, a Honda RS250R, the first 250 to record a sub-20 minute lap of the TT course; and a Honda 125, which won the 1990 Irish Championship. Large display cases hold an array of trophies, helmets, and leathers worn by Dunlop throughout his career. There is plenty of information on the signboards describing Dunlop's career from its beginning as one of the 'Armoy Armada' of young riders from the nearby town of Armoy, in the 1970s to later successes. Also included are photographs and information on the history of road racing in Ireland

JOEN'S BOR

and other notable riders over the past century. If you are in the neighbourhood and have an hour to spare, I recommend a visit, and a pint of Guinness in Joey's Bar. **TJ**





^ Memorial in the town centre

< Championship Winning Honda 125 -Honda RS250R in the background

> Some of the leathers and memorabilia on display



^ Museum layout

< Joey's Bar

<< Only Michael Dunlop would have a larger collection of TT replicas

WEEKEND RUNS



Sunday Club Ride 27 April 2025

It was a little overcast when 14 bikes and two lady pillion passengers left Hawthorn Crescent for Nairne. The Club Captain led up Greenhill Road; but before we reached the summit, the road became intermittently wet. The other side of Uraidla, we turned left on Deviation Rd, straight through Woodside to Nairne Rd, and through Harrogate, The weather deteriorated after Harrogate with short periods of rain and longer periods of drizzle, but we pressed on to the Old Princes Hwy and right to the Little Birdie Cafe at Nairne. Two of our riders were there ahead of us having taken a short cut and stopped at the Strawberry Farm, so we were able to sample the strawberries. While we enjoyed our morning stop, we had some of the heaviest rain of the day; but we managed to keep dry under the awnings at the Cafe. Only five riders were game for the ride to Birdwood; the rest turned for home. The intrepid five rode through intermittent drizzle to Brukunga, Woodside, Spring Head, Mt Torrens, and Lovell's Bakery at Birdwood where we had a pleasant lunch while swapping stories. Two of us rode Gorge Rd back into town.

Weather and wet roads were a little challenging, but it was a great ride anyway. Thanks to Graham for riding tail-end!

Memo: It is time to get your winter gear out!





Sunday Ride 30 March 2025

10 am; Tony Mitchell led 13 riders out of Hawthorn Crescent, turning right at the roundabout, over Mt Osmond and the old Devil's Elbow Road to Crafers, where the Club Captain took over. He led the riders through Sterling, Aldgate, Mylor, Echunga, and Mt Barker to Wistow for our morning stop.

As we were leaving Wistow, the Norton Riders Club turned up creating a sea of motorcycles in the car park. After a quick chat to some of the Norton riders, we set out for our lunch stop at Langhorne Creek, via Woodchester, Strathalbyn, Finniss, Clayton, and Milang via Lake Planes Rd to the General Store at Langhorne Creek. We had all dismounted before it was discovered that the Cafe was not open; so after a short stretch and massage of our rears, we remounted and rode to Strath and the Corner Bakery.

After a pleasant lunch, the ride broke up and we set out for home by the most convenient roads.

It was a very pleasant ride: the weather was favourable, though there was a good wind blowing particularly along the lake from Clayton and Milang. Thanks to Tony for leading the first few miles and to Rod Bailey for riding Tail End all day. *Club Captain Allan Vaisham Honda 450*

My Motorcycling Days

This is the second instalment of a series of 11 articles written in the 1970s and early 1980s by Club member the late Charlie Brown. The complete series will be reprinted in the Courier. The complete series is also available on <u>www.classicowners.org</u>

So far.... Charlie has grown up in India and gone to England where he has mastered a V.B Ariel and sidecar and managed to pass his driving test, learning much about motorcycles in the process ...

I now started taking an interest in a plunger frame 1953 Ariel NH 350cc in a dealer's showroom at the price of £15. As I could only afford cheap things this attracted me and it wasn't long before it was mine. After some familiarisation I had it up to 73-78 m.p.h. flat out. That pleased me as I could keep ahead of my friend Eddie on his 200cc Tiger Cub. About this time I joined the 'Flying Wheels Auto Club', there were about 18 members including girl-friends. We used an upstairs room in a pub in Barking for our meetings as we had been turfed out of our original premises at the Ford Sports Hall at. Dagenham. They didn't appreciate our cream bun fights or the noise we made coming and going.

My mates rode a variety of machines, there was Eddie and the Cub, Dave and his T110 outfit, another Dave and his 650 Dominator SS, Ray on a very hot T110 with 11 to 1 pistons, twin carbs, E3134 inlet and exhaust cams set in needle rollers, needle roller mains etc., etc, this was a real Bonnie eater. I was told the frame whipped if you flicked the throttle wide at more than a ton. needless to say Ray was soon on the lookout for a featherbed frame. Brian had one of the then new Super Sport Honda 250's which boasted nonstandard 10 5 to 1 pistons and some other hot bits which enabled it to rev to over 11,000 making it a true 100 m.p.h. plus machine. Another 'Mad Dave' had an Ariel Huntmaster 650 and platform sidecar. He sported 'L' plates and got over the law restricting him to 250 this way. I can remember him frightening old ladies and the like by locking his throttle at about 60 mph and then hopping onto the platform and commencing overtaking manoeuvres while squatting low and steering with his right hand. I'm sure he is dead or serving a long prison term. There was Banger with his Bonneville, Tony with an Ariel Golden Arrow followed by a Triumph Trophy and others with a 650 Matchless, Vincent Rapide, BSA Shooting Star fitted with Watsonian Sports chair and 16" wheels all round. Kipper had a 250 Royal Enfield Crusader Sports, the very first British bike to come out with 5 speeds and he only found that out by 'accident'.

I now began a long series of Club motorcycling, which I enjoy to this day. An era of weekend camping runs commenced together with the occasional rallies and road race and scrambles attendances. We even saw 'Moto-ball' matches, a game of motorised soccer played on a soccer field. The teams are mounted on lightweight trials type machines except the goal keepers who had Mopeds that were not running but held as shields Our favourite places for camping runs were Camber Sands near Hastings, Cromer, Canvey Island, Southend, Beaulieu (where we often looked over the museum), Portsmouth and a few others whose names escape me. One day while returning home from work, the NH emitted a loud, crunchy noise and stopped. Attempts to kickstart it sounded like churning a bag full of nails in the crankcase, so it took no guessing to realise that the big end had fallen apart. After pushing it for a mile, I tried bump starting it; this worked but I had to keep the motor on the boil and use only first gear. I soldiered home for the next two miles with the bike sounding like a forty-four gallon drum stuffed full of nuts and bolts rolling down the road. I've never turned as many heads as I did that day.

Two weeks later I got the offer of a scrambles tuned NH motor for £10. I accepted and it wasn't long before I was rolling the way I liked, although I would have been happier if it was 'in money' too. My prowess as a mechanic was improving and that 'donk' was a real flier. At my normal speed trials (everything I buy gets the same treatment) my 350 saw over 80 mph. The plunger frame (no rear damping) could not take it though. Approaching that speed a slow wag appeared in the tail. This did not deter me and I ignored my wobbly flight to record, not once but several times, an indicated 95 mph. This was more than I hoped for.

Later the old 350 slowly took on new guise, that of pseudo-racer. I obtained clip-on handlebars. A 3 gallon Manx fibreglass tank, clubman Goldie racing saddle, Goldie megaphone and a Matchy G50 sweptback exhaust pipe which a friend stole off a crashed and burnt out Matchy at Brands Hatch practise day. I also removed the kick starter, made rear sets and modified the rear brake pedal and gear lever. If my bike was fast, by heck it would look fast too!! I soon enjoyed the reputation of having the fastest 350 around, barring Clubman Goldies, in the Barking area. I suppressed a challenge from a 1956 Red Hunter VH leaving him trailing once we got over 75 mph. Some sight with the tail wagging!! Sports Cubs and BSA SS80s were no match. I even frightened a G50 Road Rocket rider when I blasted past at 90 m.p.h. He soon regained his composure and left me eating his dust...

To Be Continued

NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to the club is extended to ...

Stephen Scott		John Patman	
Sean Molloy	Mt Barker	Tom Angelos	Malvern
Andrew Selma	n Seaview Downs	Dicken Patterson	Nairne

MIDWEEK RUNS



Tuesday 18 March 2025

11 bikes were just rolling towards Greenhill Rd, when one more arrived so it was 12 riders led by Ray Hill who headed up the Greenhill Rd in the most beautiful sunny weather imaginable. At Uraidla, we turned left and set out for Lobethal. Ray turned left onto Mill Rd just as we entered the town and led the ride past the old Onkaparinga Woolen Mill. This was a new road to the Club Captain, and it avoided the town center emerging onto Cudlee Creek Rd. After Cudlee Creek, we rode past Chain of Ponds and Kersbrook. At Cockatoo Valley, we turned for Lyndoch and our morning stop.

It was a particularly social morning stop with all the riders joining in the relaxing and enjoyable conversations. It required a little persuasion to get the riders back in the saddle.

Ray led us through Rosedale, Greenock, Nurioopta. Ray surprised us by turning and leading us up Mengler's Hill and winding through to the Sunrise Bakery in Angaston for our lunch.

Lunch was as relaxed and sociable as our morning stop had been and showed no sign of ending when the Captain, who had a Committee Meeting in the evening, decided to bid the ride goodbye and headed home. Thanks to Ray for a wonderful ride. I'm sure that we are all looking forward

to the next ride that he leads.

Allan V. Club Captain





A Morning tea stop Lyndoch
v Sleek BMW Twin

^ Club Captain's venerable 450 Honda Twin

FOR SALE & WANTED

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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

-Genuine new BMW windscreen for R90S type fairing -Genuine new BMW motometer

quartz clock (black faced, green dial, 2 white hands for 1977-1996 all models) Will fit and replace any earlier BMW model motometer clock. -Genuine BMW tank bag for R1100-R1150RT -DRIRIDER seat bag for rear of seat -RJAYS Extra Large lined waterproof motorcycle cover Best offers **Detlev** 0437918221

2001 BMW 1200cc 63,000km New clutch \$6,000 in receipts Reg YZJ 772 **\$18,000** or offer Bob 0411 687 666 **1950 Excelsior Talisman** 250cc two stroke Rego YZI 545 \$6500 ono Rod Bailey 0406982582 1960 Fuji Rabbit 200 6010 Project All parts - complete some NOS parts \$2.000 0488 800 857 Lew Books Royal Enfield 500 Bullet Books/ Manuals. Harlev Davidson c1987 manual. Japanese manuals. Peter 0401 594 785 Yamaha YDS3 1965 250cc twin in good order. Registered as an historic vehicle. Rego S67 AIT. More information contact Chris Harris 0403912952

1980 Yamaha YB100 16,000km good original condition \$2,000 ono Rego TFE 160 0473 701 959 2003 Moto Guzzi Breva

64,000km \$2,700 Rego YYZ428 0423 869 336

WANTED Old BSA parts Parts and manuals for restoration. 1926 BSA sidevalve twin port engine parts or complete engine. 1929 BSA sidevalve twin port engine complete. We have a 1929 BSA dirt track frame. Breakdowns of pictures of how clutch and gearbox work.

Any help would be appreciated Ben Lake Broken Hill 0428311194

BSA C11G Dual seat Rex 0409 235 914

rex.eyes@optus.net.com.au Honda CB 450 front cash bars Alan 0422 218 318

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

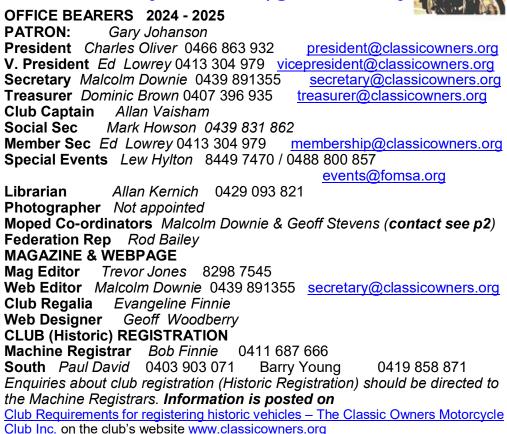
Malcolm Downie <u>secretary@classicowners.org</u>

- 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. Classic Owners Motor Cycle Club

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES2024-2025Joining\$15 (includes lapel badge)

Full \$35Pensioner\$30Magazine printed and posted \$15 ore-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. <u>Open to</u> <u>all members.</u>

