



# Shoptorque

## Classic Motorcycle Club of Natal

Founded February 1981

October 2025

### Chairman's Chatter

Greetings to you all,

This Chairman's Chat starts with my condolences to the families of those members who passed away in the past few months. I was very sorry that I couldn't attend Terry Chesterton's memorial, or Reg Venter's Memorial Ride. It is never fun to have to bid farewell to friends and members of our Club. I was able to watch Terry's memorial on Face Book. My thanks to Billy and the committee for facilitating this on behalf of the Chesterton family.

I had the privilege of attending the Goodwood Revival on the 12 th and 13 th of September, and I have to congratulate the Brits for their awesome efforts at making the entire event 'period correct' in terms of the bikes and cars on display, and being raced, as well as the dress code for the event, which made me feel as though we had been transported back into the 1940's to 60's. Everyone had made an effort to dress appropriately for the day, which added to the ambience.

The planning and preparation for the "Mods and Rockers" Bike Show at St Agnes Church in Kloof on the 25 th of October is well underway. I am sure that you would have seen adverts on our Club Facebook page, as well as other Social Media. Our Club Committee, as well as a team from St Agnes have been working hard behind the scenes preparing for this event. Please bring a bike or two to display, so we can contribute to making it a bumper event for us, as a Club, and for St Agnes, our host.

The Theme for the Bike Show is Mod's and Rockers, and there will be prizes for the best dressed ( apart from the Models ), so pull out your roll neck, white T shirt, leather jacket from the 70's or earlier, and come along to enhance the atmosphere!

Safe riding to you all,

Jayson



It is with deep regret that we say goodbye to Terry Chesterton. A very active member of our club will be sorely missed.

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### **Banking Details:**

Banking Details: Standard Bank Bluff

Banking Code: 051001

**Account No 05-155-629-4**

### **New Members:**

We welcome new members:

Graham Chatterton and Dominic Salaomon.

### **Those We Remember:**

Terry Chesterton, Reg Venter and Janos Hamar, our sincere condolences to the families.

## **Bike of the Month Competition Categories**

January:	Best of British including best AJS / Matchless
February:	Golden Oldies ( Dec 1936 ) & Golden Years ( 1937- 1945 ) Trophy
March:	Day of the Rising Sun
April:	BMW – Dave Turnbull Trophy
May:	Tiddlers & Scooters
June:	Classic Bikes (1946 – 1995)
July:	Concourse Competition Concours d'etat
August:	Post-Classic (1996 – 2010 )
September:	European – including Spain, Holland, France, Belgium, Germany (excl BMW), Italy, Czechoslovakia and Russia
October:	Racing Bike & Classic Off Road
November:	Modern (2011 – present day)
December:	AGM – No Competition

### **Bike of the Month Competition Guidelines:**

Members are reminded that to qualify for the competitions:  
They must be a fully paid up member.  
The bike entered in the competition must be owned by them.  
The bike must comply with the category entered.  
The bike must be a runner.  
If a non-runner is entered then it will be for display only.  
The same conditions listed above apply to the Concourse Competition.



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### Editorial

#### *Greetings Everyone*

The other day I was sorting out a few boxes that I had in the top of a cupboard. An annual 'Chuck Out'. I came across a few club newsletters the oldest being from 1994. We are looking here at 31 years in the past. They do indeed make for fascinating reading and such a great window into our past. Who were the people back then? Who was selling what and for how much? We had the 'Eye of the Fish Eagle' (Raymond Taylor) who would walk around on club days and make a Tally of how many bikes were present and what makes. Japanese bikes were generally not allowed in the front of the club and had to park at the back. We need to get real here the separation of the classes; The purebreds and the mud-bloods to use Harry Potter. Then we had Gus Heinze with his 'Now Hear This! Now Hear This! He went under the name of pseudonym BANZAI (Japanese War Cry) and this was his way of saying he had something of interest to say in the newsletter. I have also included some old photos and a newsletter from when the club was first started.

I would like to reprint some pages out of these newsletters over the next few issues of Shop Torque. It's always good to read into our past. There are some very good articles written by some members who are long gone and I feel we need these retold in modern media before they are lost forever as the paper they written on slow degrades. If anyone has any older newsletters it would be good to go back further than 1994.

Back then the newsletters I am told were first typed on one of those old typewriter machines onto a wax master sheet. This formed a type of stencil which was loaded into a Roneo machine or mimeograph. The master was placed on a drum. Paper and ink was loaded and by turning a handle one revolution the master did a 360 and printed on the piece of paper. So if you had 200 copies then you repeated this 200 times. If the newsletter was 15 pages then a new master was loaded for each page and the process repeated 15 times. After all this was done the pages were collected on big tables, sorted by page number then stapled into a newsletter. Then the newsletters were folded and put into envelopes, sealed, addressed, stamps fixed and taken to the post office for posting. This was done every month until the newsletter went out quarterly. What a laborious task and our club fore bearers certainly do deserve our respect.

John Booth Editor  
Keeping the wheels turning.

Hi John, interesting tit-bit I picked up in an old Classic Motorcycle magazine which you may want to include in future edition.

'Concours d'elegance' is applicable only when vehicle and rider are judged together as a complete ensemble. The correct term for vehicle alone is 'concours d'etat - concours of condition.

I never knew this; you never stop learning!  
Kind regards,  
Alan.

Thanks Alan this is very interesting. I did not know this either, you going to have to pronounce this for us. Maybe Alain can help us out here as I take that this is French. So we will need to change the competition name. If we take it further then, I can understand judging the driver and car from a car's point of view but how does it apply to motorcycles. Let's say we have a 1930 Rolls Royce then Flapper dress, fascinator head dress and gloves for ladies, gents in period suit. What would the motorcyclist wear? Something to think about.

## **Vintage Motorcycle Show October 2025**

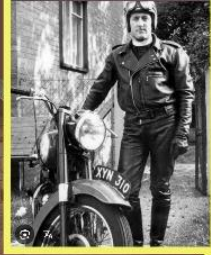
We getting near to our Vintage / Classic motorcycle show, planned for October 25 at St Agnes church Kloof. What started off as a small joint venture between the church and our club has ballooned into a spectacular show. More fashion designers, and I am talking about top designers have been added to our show. Kearsney College has offered pupils to do parking control and various singers will be there on the day as well as fashion scouts. I will not be surprised if some motorcycle owners are approached to do future fashion shoots with their bikes. We will be having a club table and Dave Stone will be selling magazines and hoping for a good return for the club.

The church hall will be open on Friday afternoon from 2 until 5 and on Saturday from 7 am for members to get their bikes into position. The show will open at 9am. The first Mods and Rockers fashion show will be at 11 and the second one will be at 2. The ticket cost will be R50 per person this is a flat rate, no pensioner discount. Children under 12 will get in free. Each member displaying their bikes will get a CMCN name tag for free entry (please return the name tag to Marcia to be reused next year). The money from the ticket sales will be shared between the church, the club and the fashion designers. We need your support by bringing your motorcycles on the day. We want a spectacular show and our club to shine. There are roughly 50 spaces available however we have a small spill over area. We need your bikes the older the better, DJ bikes, unrestored we need them.

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for best bike on display, the winners will be announced at around 3pm. This competition is open to all club members and their immediate families. The public will vote so there is no bias and the top three number of votes counted will be the winners. Each bike will be given a number so that the public can vote accordingly. The more bikes you bring the greater chance you have of winning. Deena and Graham will be handling the competition. We want people to come from all over the country and a show to be remembered. The show will end around 3.30pm. The church has an excellent marketing department and they will get mentions into the Highway mail and the Get it magazine. Word about this show has got out amongst the various religious groups and St Agnes Church wants to go big. Let's get our club name out there. Please let Marcia know how many bikes you will be bringing. Marcia has kindly supplied floor protection mats to go under each bike. Please if possible put on a write up on your motorcycle on display. People love to read the history or fascinating facts about your bike. All bikes can be removed from the church after the show.

**St. Agnes**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

**REBELS WITH SYTLE**



# Vintage Motorcycles, Cars & Retro Fashion Show

**25  
OCTOBER**  
53 Abelia Rd, Kloof  
R50 per person  
Children under 12 Free  
9am - 3pm

For more info  
contact Deryck  
082 884 5999

**MODS and  
ROCKERS**

**CRAFT  
STALLS**



**Monthly Competitions**

**'Concours d'etat**

**1<sup>st</sup> 1971 Honda CB750/4 K1  
Dale Maxwell**



**Post Classic 1996 to 2010**

**1<sup>st</sup> 2005 Harley Davidson  
Sportster  
Gavin Paulson**



**European Motorcyclers  
excluding BMW**

**1<sup>st</sup> 1968 Motor Guzzi V7 700cc  
Trevor Davids**



## **Racing Bikes On Road**

1<sup>st</sup> 1972 Harley Davidson  
Aermach 250 Rr G

1<sup>st</sup> Mac Mckenzie



## **Classic Bikes Off Road**

1<sup>st</sup> 1954 Matchless G80CS  
Jayson Anderson



## **SAVVA Indemnity Forms and Cards:**

### **Indemnity Forms and Indemnity Cards**

The form is available for download on the SAVVA website under Forms .

Indemnity forms are legal documents. Both sides of the forms must be completed, signed and witnessed, and after the number of the indemnity card issued has been recorded on the form, the original forms should be posted to the SAVVA Secretary, or brought to the SAVVA AGM each year. Clubs are encouraged to keep copies of the forms.

SAVVA Indemnity applies to all events, socials, fun runs, displays, nothing excluded, organised and promoted by a club affiliated to SAVVA.

The onus rests upon the Club to ensure persons listed in Section 5 of the Handbook complete the forms.

Indemnity Cards It is suggested that when a new member joins a club that an indemnity card be issued to him/her and spouse immediately.

Every single person involved with a SAVVA competitive event where a permit has been issued shall have in their possession an Indemnity Card issued by the Club on behalf of SAVVA, that is all drivers, navigators, passengers of participating vehicles, all officials, marshals and their assistants, including drivers and passengers of tender vehicles and in modern vehicles who are part of the event, and persons representing sponsors, the press, SAVVA or the host club who will be present on the event or who may travel in competing vehicles.

Thus, as Club Members wishing to participate in any Club organised event, please ensure that you have a SAVVA indemnity card, which is issued when you join, and that your Bike is SAVVA dated. Rod Thomas can assist in this regard, as he's the Club Dating Officer.

### **Items for Sale/Wanted:**

No Listings

### **DATING OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

Many of our Members are not taking the opportunity to have their Vehicles Dated. Dating of a Vehicle serves two things.

The First is so that you can Enter the Vehicle in a SAVVA Sanctioned Event like, the D-J ; Natal Classic ; Magnum ; Fairest Cape, to name a few.

Many enter an Event "PENDING DATING" and never do have the Vehicle Dated. Vehicle Dating is a requirement.

Secondly a Dated Vehicle adds Authentication to a Vehicle when being sold.

Dating Forms can be downloaded from the SAVVA website.

It is up to the Person applying for the Dating of a Vehicle to furnish all the necessary Information required, not the Club Dating Officer or SAVVA.

Information on you Vehicle can be found on the Web or from s Mark Specialist for your Vehicle

ROD Thomas is our Club's Dating Officer and he can be contacted by Message on.  
Cell : +27 73 365 6494

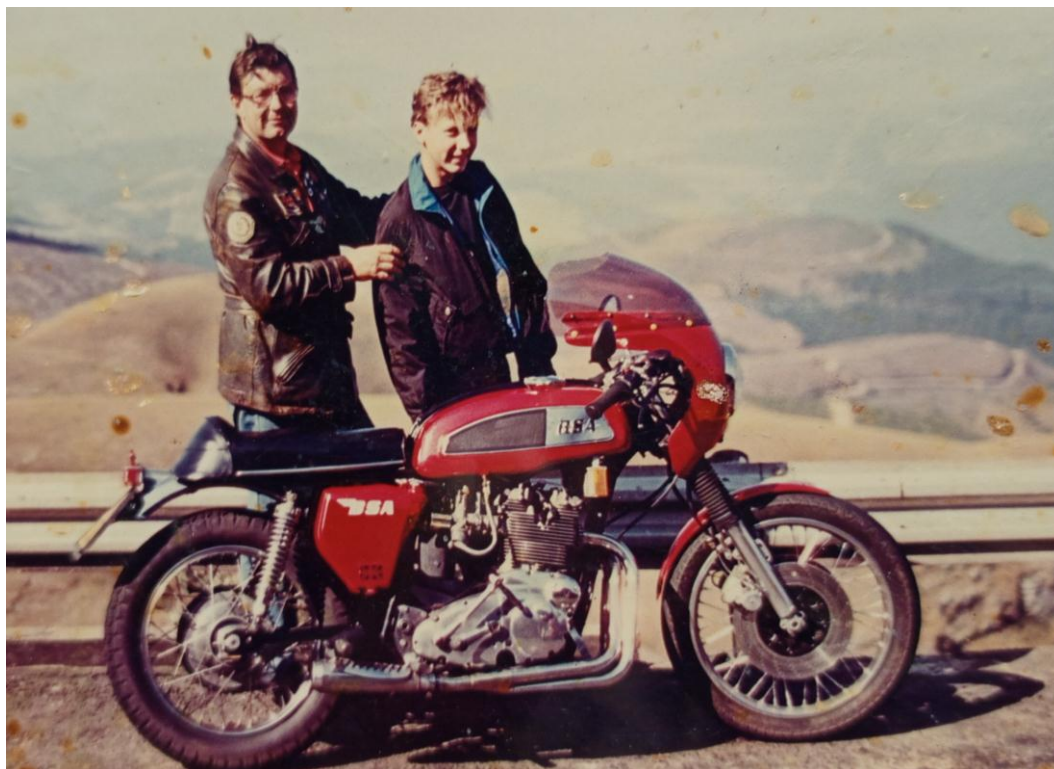
## List of recommended suppliers by club members

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
<b>Startline</b>	<b>Motorcycle Parts</b>	<b>031 7050715</b>
<b>Camtech</b>	<b>Camshaft repairs</b>	<b>Gerald 011 6181823</b>
<b>Ram Trading</b>	<b>Zinc Engine Oil</b>	<b>011 4219300</b>
<b>Dave Wigston</b>	<b>Seat Covers</b>	<b>Dave 082 368 4749</b>
<b>Springrite</b>	<b>Springs and shim stock</b>	<b>031 7053515</b>
<b>Speedick Durban</b>	<b>Sprockets and Chain</b>	<b>031 5792260</b>
<b>Talent Auto Upholstery</b>	<b>Auto Upholstery</b>	<b>Talent 082 356 2187</b>

<b>AH Designs</b>	<b>Custom Painting</b>	<b>Andrew 082 709 5141</b>
<b>VS Motorrad Technik PE</b>	<b>BMW Spares</b>	<b>082 555 3197</b>
<b>Bright Blast JHB</b>	<b>Vapour Blasting</b>	<b>Daniel 076 567 5675</b>
<b>Sun Instruments</b>	<b>Intrument Repairs</b>	<b>011 4202916</b>
<b>CAW Coatings CC</b>	<b>Powder Coaters</b>	<b>Glenn 031 7024180</b>



**Some blast from the past articles and photos**



**Founder member Mike Lang and his son**



**As far as the eye can see. What a magnificent line-up of fine motorcycles.  
Midlands rally held at Midmar Dam**

Ok so Marcia gave me this photo to put in the newsletter. She mumbled something about Rod Thomas. I know a picture is worth a thousand words but I think we will just keep quiet about this one.



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## A roaring success

Classic Motorcycle Club of Natal's bike show is a major hit

**GAVIN FOSTER**

LAST weekend's motorcycle show in Durban, organised for the 18th time by the Classic Motorcycle Club of Natal, was yet again a roaring success.

The motorcycle and accessories industries did a good job of displaying their latest wares at the Start-line Motorcycle Show, as it was called this year, and the various clubs and individuals with interesting equipment to show off didn't let the public down.

Of special interest was Fritz Kellerman's lifesize 1912 board-racer replica, made entirely by hand from plastic.

Fritz fabricated moulds, working from original parts, photographs and drawings, then beavered away to make about 99 percent of the machine entirely by hand in a barn on top of a hill near Byrne Valley, near Richmond.

"I ran out of time towards the end," he says, "so I had to use a genuine sparkplug, a proper drive train and real oil lines, but I'll fabricate those as well over the next month or so."

The talented carpenter, engineer and model builder even made the

Stalwarts of KZN motorcycling, Toosie Hudson, Alan Young and ex speedway international Dave Collins admire Doug Cruikshanks' Velocette that raced here and in Rhodesia 60 years ago.

PHOTOGRAPHS: GAVIN FOSTER

Rob Haedoop was tasked with scaring the wits out of any kids who misbehaved at the Natal Classic Motorcycle Club's show in Durban last weekend.

This 1912 board racer is a replica crafted entirely in plastic.

Stanley Aylward revs up his nine-cylinder radial engine. This monster devoured 450 litres of petrol and 4.5 litres of oil an hour when powering the Sherman tank it came from.

Let us have another successful show at St Agnes church and show the country what we are made of.



Ron Richmond and the Velocette racing bike gets a good push from Edwin White.

### Centenary Run

The Natal Classic Motorcycle Club had a good turnout of members at the annual Centenary Run which celebrates a 100 years of motorcyclists and their machines. To qualify for a certificate the age of the biker and his or her motorcycle are combined and may not be lower than 100 years. Certificates are awarded from bronze for 100 - 124 years; silver 125-149; gold 150 - 174 and platinum 175+ years. The participants met at the VSCC in PMB and then went on to do a few laps around the old Alexander Road and Hesketh race circuits. Many of the entrants were former Hesketh racers and had great fun reminiscing about their racing days.



Former Hesketh bike racers Dave Harris, Dennis Bosman, Martin Watson, Alan Young, Geoff Isaacs, Ray Nell, Graham Isaacs, Toosie Hudson, Graham Cain, Ron Richmond and kneeling Ken Sink. (Not in picture but also raced at Hesketh: Dudley Schafer). They are pictured with a 1939 Velocette raced by Ron Richmond's dad back in the days.



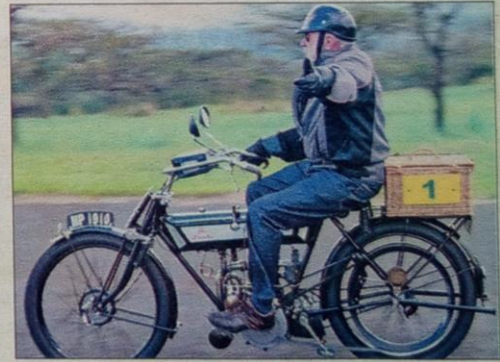
Chairman of the Natal Classic Motorcycle Club Ken Sink on his 1929 BSA. Combined age 149 years and earned a silver for the last year.



Samantha Anderson gives a 1929 AJS a burn around Hesketh.



Derek Pirie on a modern Enfield and is a regular DJ competitor.



Stuart Anderson (69) and his 1901 Humber made the oldest combination amongst the NCMC members to earn a gold certificate.

## OUR SECOND MEETING AT MAYVILLE JUNE 1981



BOTANICAL GARDENS - PINETOWN  
MAY 1982



Bryan Hinks 1962 Matchless 650



Standing from left to right

John Hamar- Mark Boller- Jim Dansie- Greg Falconer  
Gene Wyngaard (with hat)- Bevan Miller- Mike Lang

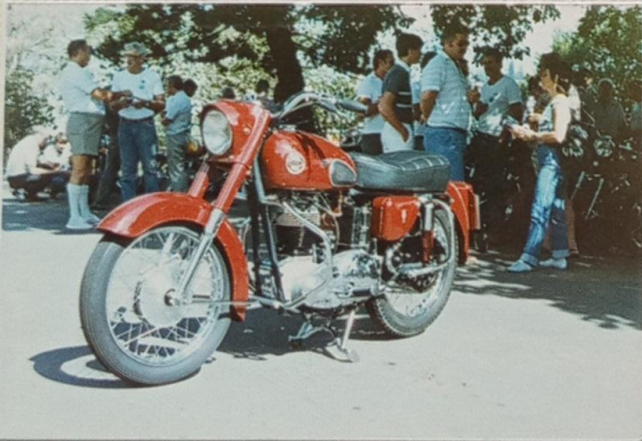
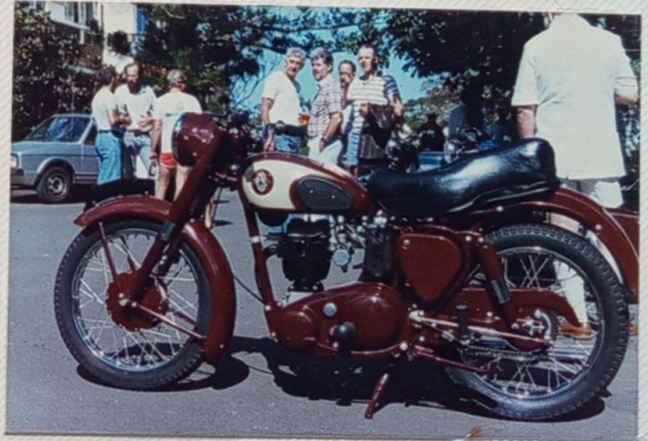
Kneeling

Patrick Barclay- Gerald Greer- Clive Miller  
Jim Cramer - Mike Ford

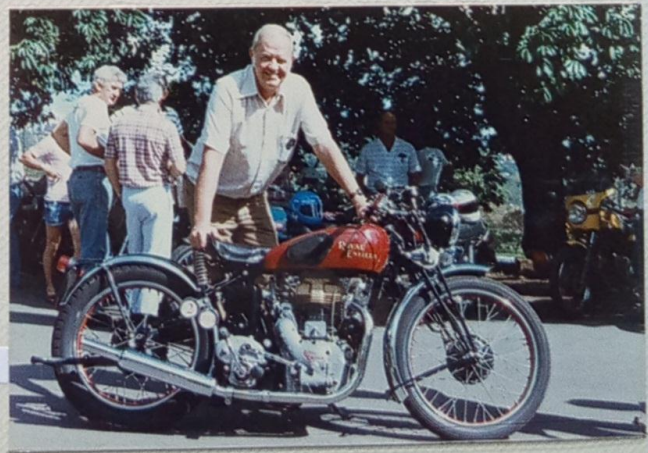


Reg Venter – Richard Scholey – Clive Rossiter "clowning around"

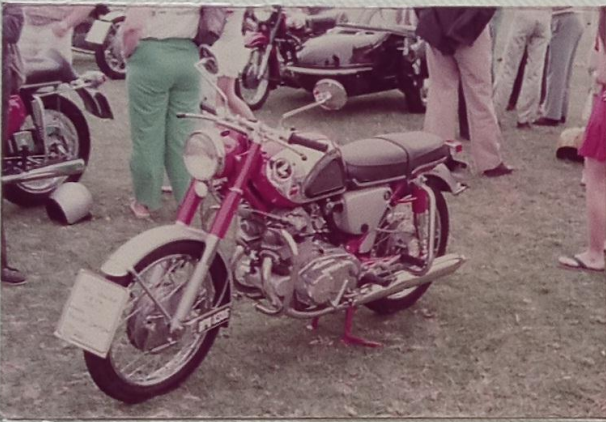
John Lefavre's - Immaculte 250cc BSA



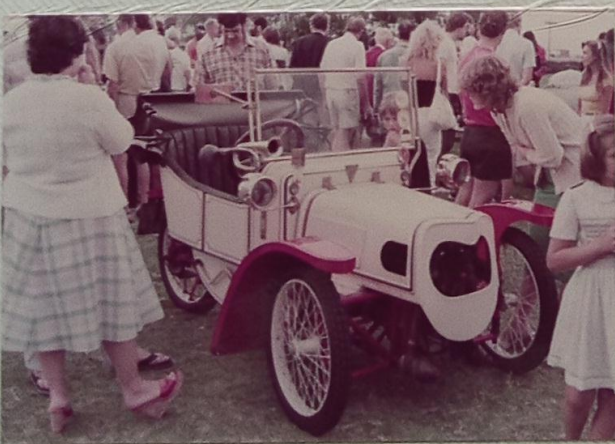
Jim Cramer "Royal Enfield"



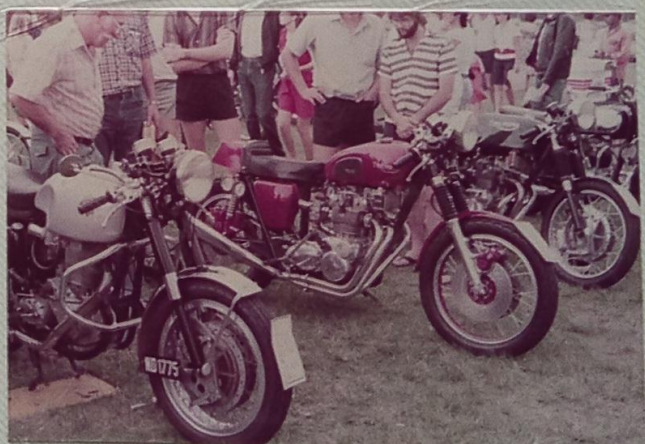
**OUR FIRST INFORMAL BIKE SHOW HELD  
ON THE GRASS OUTSIDE THE OLD  
EXHIBITION CENTRE (Old Fort Road - North  
Beach)**



The start of the Japanese classics  
with Jim Cramer's BSA 650 combination



Jim Pirie's 1933 Morgan 3 wheeler runabout



Marcus Mckenzie's stunning Trident triple "special"

OUR CLUB HOUSE – 1985



Early 1985



Various views during 1985



# Our First Newsletter

THE CLASSIC MOTORBIKE CLUB OF NATAL

NEWSLETTER MARCH 1981.

This I hope will be the first of many newsletters.

I, for one, thought the turnout of interested bikers on Saturday 21st February, very good (considering it was our first get together - and of course the rain!)

We held a general discussion and the feeling was that we would form an informal club, to meet every third Saturday of the month at Albert Park behind the Grand Stand.

These meetings will give us a chance to meet and chat to others with the same interests and perhaps someone will be able to help you with a problem.

At this point I would like to stress the importance of spreading the word to get more people interested as this will strengthen the club.

I would like to form a list of fixtures for the year within the next few meetings, so if anyone has any suggestions, please let me know.

- 1) We have organised a concourse (competition) for the next meeting -  
"THE BEST SINGLE A.J.S. OR MATCHLESS"
- 2) Every Sunday morning we have a breakfast run - organised by Malcolm Doyle 463964 - if you would like to ride with him please give him a ring. We would also like to have a page in this newsletter devoted to:

"TO SELL" - "WANTED" AND "TO SWOP"

Please phone Mike Lang to get this going at 522960 after hours.

We are also building up a register of the members in alphabetical order with phone numbers, addresses and type of bike. This will be sent out to all members every few months as we get new additions to the register.

Finally I would welcome any help in the way of typing stencils, or the donation of duplicating paper - when I have this - then I would like to reprint road tests & useful hints & editorials from some of the older books - NO LONGER IN CIRCULATION.

For any information please contact the writer.

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## Our Second Newsletter

CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF NATAL

APRIL BULLETIN 1981.

The turnout at the last meeting was excellent and I hope it gets better with every meeting.

Speaking of meetings, please be advised that the next meeting falls on Easter Saturday - so we are POSTPONING THE MEETING UNTIL SATURDAY 25th APRIL AND THE CONCOURSE UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING.

For those who were not present, we had our first General Meeting to discuss ideas and get an informal committee together to run the Club and make it a success.

I know its not everyone's idea to get involved in the running of a club - so by having a Committee you will not become bored by the politics of the club at every meeting.

I asked for volunteers for certain posts - but had no eager beavers! - so I used my prerogative in choosing the present Committee:-

They are

Treasurer: Gordon Gove, Durban B. 451963 H. 847054

Secretary: Malcolm Wray, Durban B. 725581

General Committee: (In Charge Of)

AJS & Matchless

Gerald Greer, Durban H. 712674

BSA & Ariel

John Hamar, Durban H. 215997

Harley Davidson

John Barlow, Durban H. 859504

Norton

Keith Ribbink, Durban H. 859590

Royal Enfield/Panther

Gordon Gove, Durban B. 451963 H.847054

Triumph

Bevan Millar, Durban H. 421550

Vincent

Reg Venter H. 424835

Others

C.C. Honken, Empangeni B. 0351-267618

Mike Lang, Durban H. 522960

These members are to be contacted when you want spares or would like to sell spares; they will in their turn submit the information into the bulletin.

At this stage I would like to thank the above for agreeing to help the club to get going.

I would also like to thank you all for your vote of confidence, in electing me as Chairman.

The next point that was discussed was "FUNDS". A very important point to all clubs is a bulletin to communicate with the members, and keep everyone up to date on what is going on, what is for sale or needed urgently, and, of course, interesting editorials and republicised articles

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and road tests (as attached to this bulletin). Then, as promised in last month's bulletin, a list of PAID UP Members with addresses and phone numbers and which bikes they have, will be supplied quarterly.

At this stage we need funds to pay for paper, postage and prizes for the Concourse.

It was agreed upon that R10,00 per year membership fee was payable every MARCH and covers you and your family i.e. your wife and sons (daughters if you dare) although only one bulletin will be posted to each family.

A vote was held, and it was decided that the Club was aimed to cater for the CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE enthusiasts i.e. BRITISH - ITALIAN - CONTINENTAL and HARLEY DAVIDSON - OR ANY UNUSUAL NON-PRODUCTIVE BIKE WITH EMPHASIS ON BRITISH BIKES.

At all Meetings Malcolm Wray will be available to take your name and give you your sticker - please do go and see him and sign the Members or visitors book.

The concourse is going to be held every three months and, as I have said before, this is lighthearted and is intended as educational and a means of keeping the standard of bikes up.

We are also hoping to get hold of some good motorbike films and make an evening of it.

I would also like to know from you, your feelings about our putting on a show one Sunday at 10a.m. - 4p.m. at the Old Pavillion site, so the public can enjoy our bikes as much as we do, and also attract new members.

From this month, the first page of the bulletin, to advise of the next meeting will be sent to all, including visitors, but only paid up members will receive the membership lists and all other information.

Any queries please phone Mike Lang, Durban B. 217898 H. 522960.

MIKE LANG  
CHAIRMAN.

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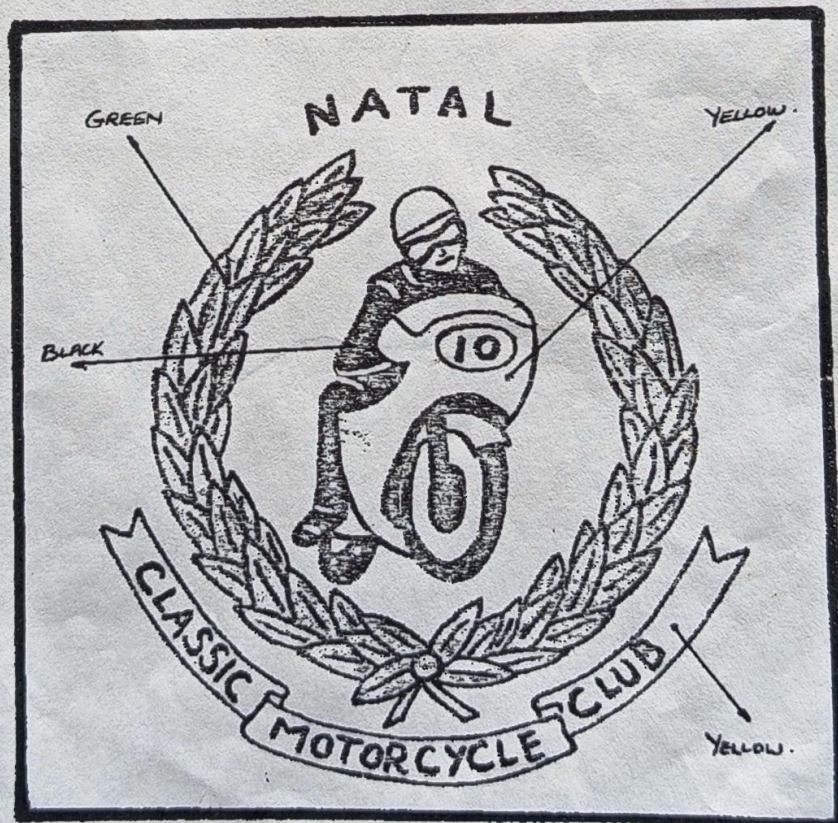
I am sure we all have problems and questions for which we are often unable to find answers. This column has been started as a service for all Members. The basic idea is that any Member with a problem regarding a bike will submit the question to the Newsletter and it will be published so that any other Member who has the answer will be able to help. The person supplying the answer to the riddles posed can either contact me or drop the answer into the Trading Post box which is left on the verandah of the Mayville at all Club gatherings. Solutions will then be published in the following month's Newsletter. I will start the ball rolling with a query of my own. (See the column after the Trading Post.)

Hope to see you all at the Show. Look for the roped off area.

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CHAIRMAN.

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I spent some time looking through Toosie Hudson's amazing collection of race photos. Very impressive indeed. Sadly one wonders if those great racing days will ever come back that attracted such huge crowds. Now days it seems if it's just friends and families of the racer that go to watch.



**Our "Jollies in July Boot Sale" Traders reported 'not so good sales' but an interesting array of items were on sale.**



**Rod Thomas managed to keep his clothes on and Graham Palmer was a very keen punter. I hope his boot was full of purchases!!**



## Shop Torque 1994. I wonder what happened to those cars and motorcycles

### "EAT YOUR HEARTS OUT!"

By: Tommy Hesom  
Mooi River

Most classic bikers appreciate all things old or of yesteryear, like old time prices, old time courtesy and old wine. I'm sure that like me, classic bikers are interested in old cars as well, but either haven't the room or the finances to restore them, so settle with bikes. Like myself again, a lot of classic bikers interests extend not only to bikes and cars but to any old machinery such as tractors and stationary engines etc.

On a trip to the U.K. a few years ago I spent hours admiring and investigating the ancient Cornish steam engines which were used to pump water out of the tin mines. Much to my wifes' annoyance of course, and the last straw was when I insisted on spending a whole day at the British Motor-Cycle Museum near Birmingham. But that is another story.....

Some years ago I visited an old engineering works in the Midlands of Natal; the exact location of which must remain anonymous for obvious reasons. I had heard that there was a 1930's Levis there but I only caught a glimpse of it as the old proprietor chased me with much abusive language including some words I hadn't heard before, shouting that he was sick and tired of f....g people from Durban hounding him about his bikes. I beat a hasty retreat but vowed to return one day.

Years passed and the memory of that girderforked Levis with upswept exhaust system standing dimly in a corner, haunted me. I also remembered vividly the reception I had got and finally plucked up courage to go there again but this time with brother Robin for moral support, or even physical support should we actually get attacked! We arrived this time in our business bakkie with NMR number plates and "NMR Engineering" signs on the doors, amidst the yapping of at least 15 very small Skippertjie type dogs. The difference in reception was unbelievable. The old man could not have been more friendly and swallowed my story that I was considering buying a Levis in Johannesburg and would he allow me just to take a photo of his bike to help with my restoration of the other bike. He agreed immediately and we found that he was anxious to relate to us on engineering matters cursing all the while about the "Durban dogs" who hounded him continually and wanted to buy his bike!

What a collection of old machinery in one place! What an enthusiasts delight! What a true collectors Mecca! In the yard outside amongst unbelievable piles of scrap was a complete 1934 Ford pick-up, an approx. 1940's Plymouth, numerous old tractors and stationary engines of all descriptions. Crossly, Fairbanks

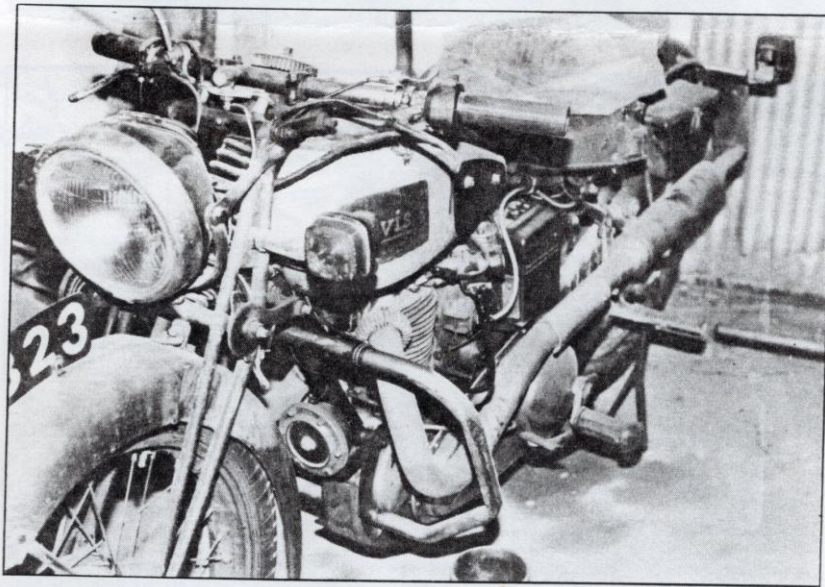
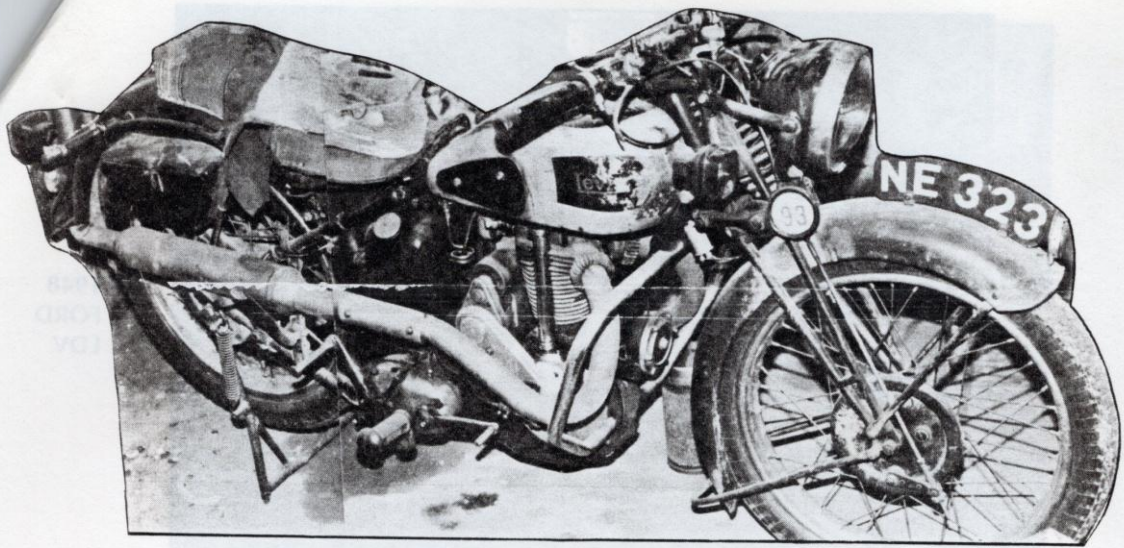
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Morse, Ruston Hornsby, Armstrong Siddely, Wolseley and Listers galore - they were all there. What a feast inside! A 1948 Ford pick-up like the one Robin and I learned to drive in and I did my courting in, stood in the doorway covered in pigeon shit. Under junk piled high we spotted a 1928 Hupmobile engine mounted on a trailer and coupled to a welder, complete with original gauges. Across the way was a 1932 Morris 10 sedan complete in every detail and ripe for restoration. An interesting feature on the Morris was what was probably the original indicator light system with green, amber and red lights in the little robot-like cluster on each side door centre post. Amongst the old lathes and engineering machinery all driven by flat belts and lineshafts, were numerous stationary and other engines of all descriptions. In a little shed adjoining, amongst heaps of rubbish and bags of something - a sloper engine (probably BSA) with a flat tank mounted inside a wagon wheel rim and vee belt driving an old car fan - for what reason remains a mystery. Another flat tank lay in a corner and no doubt the rest of the bike would be found under the junk and decades of dust and dirt.

At last the reason for the visit stood before us..... The 1934 Levis 350cc sports stood there, running condition, complete in every detail and licensed for 1993! I set my flash, steadied my camera and stepped back to focus..... straight into a pit for greasing vehicles! Miraculously I wasn't seriously hurt as the pit was about 1.8 metres deep. Worse was that the camera was damaged and the flash broken off its mounting. Bruised and limping and covered in oil we left without any photos with the old mans' unsympathetic words ringing in our ears.... "you are the fourth person to fall in that pit... the last guy was a coolie who was badly hurt.... I don't know whats wrong with people who can't look where they are walking.....!"

Weeks later, bruises healed and camera repaired we again returned to overcome "The Curse of the Levis," but this time on our classic bikes. A shrewd move as the old man was again responsive and reasonably friendly, talking nonstop about the bikes he used to have including an OK Supreme which someone apparently persuaded him to sell to them fairly recently. This time we got our photos which we reproduce here for you all to.....

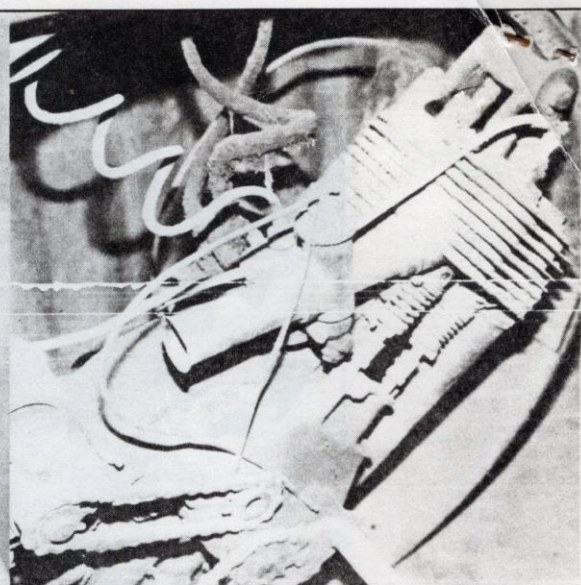
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1934 LEVIS



1932 MORRIS 10 (NOTE 3 LIGHT INDICATORS)



BSA SLOPER ??



MORRIS MINOR  
RADIATOR

