

# Shoptorque



## Classic Motorcycle Club of Natal

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**Chairman's Chatter**

Happy New Year to all members and their families.

Congratulations to the prize winners that were announced at the AGM and welcome to Marcia Hinks who agreed to join the Committee as secretary and organizer of our Monthly Draw. Thank you Marcia.

After being stymied by Covid 19 generated restrictions last year, I was looking forward to increased Club activity this year however we are once again frustrated in this regard. I firmly believe that to keep up and generate new interest in the Club we need to be active with many and varied activities for our members. I was keen to have a pre DJ Rally non-competitive run for Seasoned Rally Participants and anyone else, whose interest may have been pricked by the articles featured on "How to Rally" in Shoptorque last year. Unfortunately conventional Club activity is once again put on hold. This year's DJ Run has officially been cancelled and the running of our Natal Classic is also in danger of at least being postponed. These are

really frustrating developments as an enormous amount of work and enthusiasm is put in by the organizers and participants.

We have received a letter from SAVVA confirming that we should not hold Monthly Meetings, even if we follow the strictest of prevention protocols. This means that we will revert to Virtual Monthly Competitions. We will run the January-Best of British- and February – Golden Years- Trophies on Saturday 6 Feb on our Whatsapp Work Shop Challenge platform.

Another consequence of the restrictions is that our membership numbers have dropped and the payment of subscriptions has been slow. Please encourage your friends to keep up their membership and if you haven't yet, pay your subs. ;-)

On a more positive note, there are still 'un-official small group rides' taking place. Members are working on their maintenance and new projects are under way or being planned. Keep it up.

Ride your bikes whenever you can, work on those projects, keep safe on the roads and safe from the Virus.

Wayne Bagley.

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#### **The Club's bike trailer**

The Committee decided to sell the trailer, which happened in November 2018.

If you need a bike trailer for any occasion, you will have to hire one from a trailer hire company which offers motorcycle trailers as part of their product range.

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**Find us on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Classic-Motorcycle-Club-of-Natal>

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

January:	Best of British including best AJS / Matchless
February:	Golden Years Trophy
March:	Day of the Rising Sun
April:	BMW – Dave Turnbull Trophy
May:	Tiddlers.
June:	Showbike Trophy
July:	Concourse Competition
August:	Post-Classic ( 2001 – 2010 )
September:	European – including Spain, Holland, France, Belgium, Germany (excl BMW), Italy, Czechoslovakia and Russia
October:	Racing Bike
November:	Modern and any make / classic from the USA / Canada
December:	AGM – No Competition

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

Members are reminded that to qualify for the competitions they must be fully paid up members; the bike entered in the competition must be owned by them; it must comply with the category entered and it must be a runner. If the bike is a non-runner it will be accepted for display, but will not be considered as a competitor.

Many thanks and regards,

Alan.

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Once again a big thanks to Paul Ward of Startline for his very generous sponsorship of the prize money.

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## **AGM AWARD CEREMONY PHOTO'S:**

Our AGM was fairly well attended, despite restrictions.

The Trophies / Recognition awarded are as follows:

**Highest placed DJ competitor:** Rudi Steyn, 12th position on his BMW R11.

No photograph available as Rudi did not attend the Meeting

**Buckled Wheel:** Ron Bell. quite seriously injured in an accident but eventually made a full recovery.





**Oldest competitor in any club event:** Dudley Schafer, 85 years.

No photograph available as Dudley did not attend the meeting

**Youngest competitor in any club event:** Jayson Anderson, 51 years.



**Bum Pad Rider:** Marcia Hinks.

**Wooden Spoon:** Marcia Hinks



**Bike of the Year:** Michael Burden with his 1917 Indian. A labour of love over many years in which he hand manufactured many of the parts which were unavailable.





**Enthusiast of the Year:** Wayne Bagley our chairman, who, despite illness, hospitalization, operations, debilitating and painful chemo and radiation treatment applied his mind and continued to carry out his duties as chairman.



Special Thanks, and a donation was also given to our Lions Ladies, who provide food at each meeting.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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### **SPECIAL NOTICE:**

Dear members,

Due to several visits from the Liquor Licensing department, the Club has had to stop selling liquor at club meetings, in order to be compliant with the regulations, as we have not ever had a liquor license!

Thus, going forward, if you want to consume alcohol at Meetings, please bring your own. 😊

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## **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.



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## More Recollections from Alan Young:

As a follow-up to the info I placed in our workshop link regarding the West Street Willies, I must thank Ray and Trish Nel for their memories of those times.

What they, and I, have since recalled is the name of the cafe at the Blue Lagoon which was a popular hangout for the WW's and other bikers. It was the *Pirates Den* with a large Wurlitzer juke box with all the latest pop music; you popped in a coin and pressed the button for your choice and this mechanical marvel picked up the vinyl record, rotated it, placed it on the turntable and moved the pick-up with needle to the start of the record! Incidentally there was a lagoon at Blue Lagoon of which I have a vague recollection at a very young age. At the mouth of the Umgeni river there were numerous Zambesi sharks cruising the river mouth and adults with rifles would try to shoot them! Without any success that I ever witnessed! Down the road from Pirates at the corner of NMR Avenue and Athlone Drive was the *Doll's House*, another popular venue with bikers and motorists alike. A full size replica of a child's doll house with white walls, red roof, windows and door. You parked outside and were served by attractive young ladies who hung the tray on the car window or if you were a biker you could sit at outside tables.

Other popular venues were the *Sunkist T Room* which still exists adjacent the Pirates Lifesaving Club. At the North beach were the *Cuban Hat* and *the Nest* with the *XL Cafe* at South Beach all popular venues for bikers and motorists. All three were demolished to make way for the beachfront development. On Sundays bikers would ride down the South Coast to the *Firefly* at Winklespruit, another popular venue. Let's not forget the drive-in cinema at the Bluff, a very popular venue which was generally packed out on a Friday evening. All the above venues only served cool drinks, milkshakes and meals; no alcohol was available. Up the coast, inland from Umhlali was the compensation flats, a long stretch of road bordered by tall pines. This was a popular venue for guys tuning their race bikes. Very little, if any traffic, and bikes could be wound up to top gear. The road is still there; very busy with traffic these days. Unfortunately the trees are gone. Around this time the Ford 3 litre coupe came on the market, a hot car for its time and there were many robot to robot dices between them and the Willies up and down West and Smith Streets. Both these streets were two way with robots standing in the centre of the road with tram lines either side. The trams were eventually replaced with double decker trolley buses with routes to the end of Point Road, up to Mitchell Park and along Umgeni to Connaught Bridge as well as other routes spanning the city. Sad to say the trolley buses were replaced with smoke belching single decker busses.

Most of the bikers of the day had removed the baffles from their silencers and this was a constant source of irritation to the Metro Police. Many a time a biker was stopped by a cop who thrust a long rod up the exhaust to check for baffles. There was one amusing incident when a friend of mine who had already been fined for no

baffles popped a couple of potatoes in his silencers. During our ride we were pulled over by a cop and out came the rod. He put it in my friends silencer and felt this resistance to his poke. So he gave an almighty shove and pushed the potatoes right up the exhaust almost to the valve! Did we have a laugh over that one ! I'm sure Mike Trevethan could tell us many stories of his experiences as a Metro Police officer .

Great days for motorcycling without any taxis or monster trucks and very rare DUI.

*Thanks Alan for your recollections of Durban in a bygone era. If any other of our members have stories / photo's they wish to share, please let me know ( Jayson )*

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## **OBITUARIES:**

Sadly, since our last Newsletter , 2 of our members have passed away:

Winston De Kock & Frank Lupke.

We don't have details or photo's for either at this time. A proper obituary shall be included in the next edition.

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## **Other stuff: Adverts, Technical, News etc.**

## **SAVVA Tip 160 – Bending plastic tubing and retaining the shape.**

Some time ago we received this article from Dane Fraser. Thanks Dane and apologies for taking so long to use it:

From Dane:

If you have ever had to create a sharp bend in the clear tygon tubing you know how easy it can kink.

I bought a new replacement carburettor for a small engine the problem was it came with a straight fuel inlet instead of the 90° one the old one had

No problem I thought I would just use a piece of 1/4" tygon tubing for the fuel line only when I tried to make it do the sharp bend required to connect between the carb and the gas tank it would kink.

I decided to give it a preform by making a shaping mandrel or bendable forming tool that I could insert then bend the tubing.

The best thing I have found for jobs like this is lead as it is easily shaped into whatever form you need and will retain its shape as long as needed. and if required it can be straightened out again

A couple of years ago I made some half round lead sticks by melting the lead and pouring it in grooves for using in leading in seams and small dents in auto-body work. I found that was exactly the diameter I needed when folded double. I inserted it in the tygon tubing then bent it to the shape I needed. I placed it in a cut open soft drink bottle then poured in boiling water and left it until the water cooled. To remove the forming tool I had to straighten it out somewhat but the tubing retained its shape due to being heated in the boiling water.

Tubing and tool before forming.



Lead tool inserted in tubing



Formed and in boiling water note the drink bottle deforming



tubing now formed and cooled



Lead now removed note tubing retains the formed shape



Installed on the engine

I hope this helps someone if they ever find the need to form plastic tubing.

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**SMALLS** (will only appear in two issues but may be resubmitted)

**For Sale:**

Herewith info on a Matchless for sale;

Overhauled 1946 Matchless model G80 500 cc. Currently licenced with papers.

R 40,000.

Contact Adrian Geiche 0734166988 ( Zinkwazi )

Regards,

Dave.

Photo's / further info from Adrian

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Please contact Ehrart van Antwerpen on 084 506 6037 or ewvanantwerpen@gmail.com

**Wanted:**

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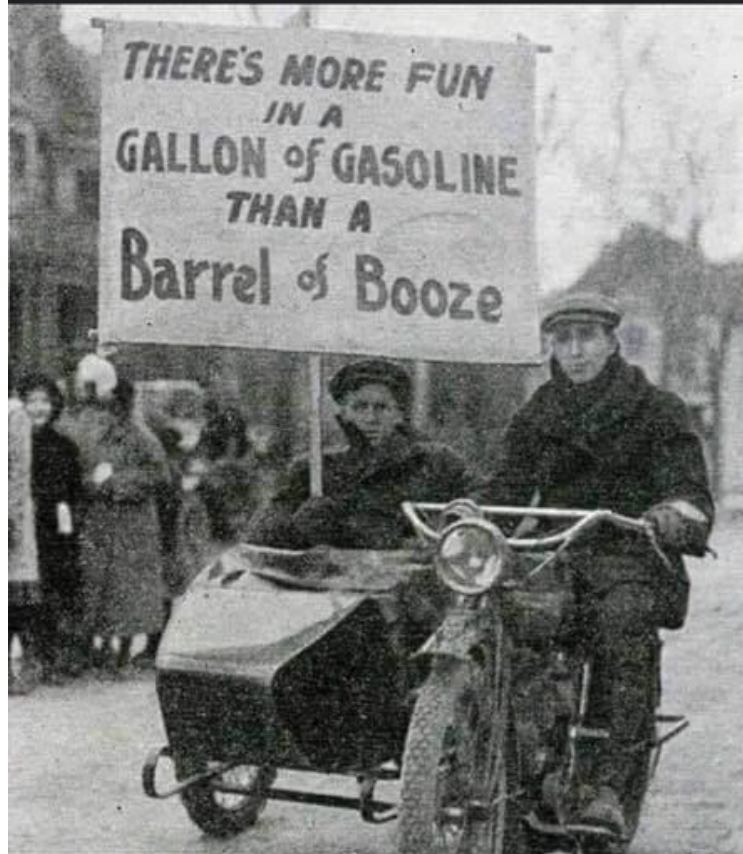
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