

# Shoptorque



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## **Chairman's Chatter**

Greeting everyone from a slightly more comfortable Level 1. It certainly is great to once again be able to ride our bikes with friends and meet at the Club. More about that later.

It is with extreme sadness that we learned of the death of our Treasurer- Big Ron Dukes. Ron was a big man and at the Committee level he was a Giant. I have only worked with Ron since January and I soon learned that he was the King Pin in the Committee. Ron printed minutes, brought Financial Reports for each member to the meeting each month, paid all our accounts, dealt with the Corporation, sent out membership accounts, dealt with all correspondence, manned the desk at our meetings. The list goes on. He has left a big vacuum in our organization. THANK YOU RON.

On a happier note, from October we will be running Monthly Meetings and organizing Breakfast runs all within the restrictions of – Social Distancing, wearing

masks and keeping our hands and surfaces sanitized etc. Please make our officials' jobs easier by adhering to these rules.

SAVVA have notified us that they will reinstate the Clearance Certificate for our Century Run which we will run on Sunday November 1. More about this elsewhere in the Shoptorque and at the meeting.

Thank you all for keeping the club active by taking part in our virtual competitions and other WhatsApp activities. I have really enjoyed the interaction.

I look forward to easing out of my isolation so that I can join the meetings and ride in our groups.



My favorite pic from our WhatsApp this month.

Keep Safe and when you can – enjoy your riding.

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>

## **NEW 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.

As the field was of such great quality and not having that many voters, I had to call on The President and Mr. Monthly Competition Alan Young to cast some votes to break ties.

BMW: 1<sup>st</sup> # 4 1934 R11 Raymond Meyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> #8 1982 R80 G/S Steven Knight.  
3<sup>rd</sup> #2 R60 /2 Richard Sawkins.





Continental:

1<sup>st</sup> #6 Moto Guzzi 1980 Monza Henk Raadgewer. 2<sup>nd</sup> #7 Sanglas 1979 s2v5 Bob West. 3<sup>rd</sup> #13 Ducati 1981 600 SL Pantha Trevor Davids.



Congrats. 1st R150 2nd R100 3rd R50.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

We are pleased to announce that the deferred Century Run will be held at the Club on **Sunday November the 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please notify Alan Young if you wish to participate, as a Braai Pack will be supplied to each entrant, compliments of Startline.

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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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### **Introduction to Regularity time trial rallies – The next step – Practical.**

Following the relative success we have had from the “Basic introduction to time trial rallies” that we drafted to present to the first-time riders at last year's DJ I have been giving some thought as to how we can progress this further.

The best way, I believe, is to get out there and follow a route schedule in a non-competitive event.

The primary objective is to try and attract new blood into our sport without the pressure of a formal event, this is generally the case for all first-time entrants.

To achieve this objective, we will all need to identify those probable's and bring them along.

The second objective is to provide an opportunity to those who enjoy rallying and would like to come along to 'keep their eye in' and enjoy the fellowship of a ride with similarly minded riders.

This is not intended to be aligned to any Club or be exclusive to any members of any clubs.

As this is not a competition no permissions or permits will be required.

So how are we going to achieve this?

- Prior to the date upon which the training ride will take place a route will be determined and developed in accordance with all the formal rules and regulations to make the ride as realistic as possible.
- Routes will be chosen with good K markers and distances will be set to make it easy to get some rhythm at the set speed.
- Speeds will be set in increments of 5 kph, (40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 & 75) so a reduced speed chart can be used giving more time to see where you are going and not spend too much time winding your speed chart up and down.
- There will only be 1 speed group. This is so all attendees can ride in line separated by 1 minute and keep the duration of the event streamlined. The speed selected will be either 60, 70 or 75 kph. This will depend on the pending future formal event, for example the DJ, where 60 will be selected.
- The starting venue will be determined so those attending can ride their bikes to the said venue, or trailer them, in order to start at the set time.

- The route schedule, and any other relevant info, will be emailed to all those attending the ride at least 2 days prior so it can be printed and installed in rally boxes or whatever device the attendee chooses.
- a short question and answer training session will take place prior to departure.
- All attendees will be given a virtual starting time and no number boards will be required.
- Atomic time will be used. The App can be down loaded onto your mobile phone.
- The distance will vary from 80 to 120 k's with a short pause along the route.
- The organisers will be allowed to participate and will lead and trail the field.
- Loggers will be required to be carried. For the first timers we will hopefully be able to help amongst ourselves as many of us have more than 1 logger.
- Upon arrival at the end, which will be the same venue as the starting point, hand in your logger and your results will be emailed to you if no printing facilities are available. Paperless is another objective.
- There will be a token R50 entry fee. This will be to cover the route setting costs.
- After all the loggers have been down loaded there will be a short discussion to discuss the route and answer any questions.

#### Eligibility:

- Anyone can attend but needs to have a valid driver's license.
- Make and model of the bike is irrelevant however it must be road worthy.
- Safety equipment like helmets are to be worn as per the normal requirements.
- Pillion riders are welcome.
- Speedos and ODOs don't have to be sealed however in the effort to be exposed to and get experience in rallying it makes sense to have them covered.
- Insurance is the attendee's own responsibility and the organisers will not be held responsible for any incident what so ever.

#### Timing:

As this idea is still very much in the developmental stage I hope to have the first event setup and ready to take place by late August or early September.

The frequency of these events will be determined by the success of the first event and future events can be requested at any time.

Ideally a minimum of 10 attendees would be great. No maximum will be set.

With the above objectives in mind I am open to suggestions to make this as pleasant, seamless, enjoyable and as informative as possible. Remember that in order to sustain and grow our rallying fraternity it is up to all of us to get new blood involved.

Watch this space for more developments.



Any ideas, suggestions or comments can be sent to [britishbikespares@gmail.com](mailto:britishbikespares@gmail.com)

Or call me on 0834084296.

Gavin Walton.

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## **OBITUARIES:**

Sadly, over the past several months, 3 of our members have sadly passed away.

### **Rob Wiles :**



Rob was known to us affectionately as Grumpy. A title given to him by the late Rick Lewis.

He was a very kind hearted person who would do anything for anyone, but don't irritate him. He had a very quick temper and would resort to fisticuffs in a flash.

He was a good friend to many people.

He loved his motorcycles and was a reasonably good mechanic, priding himself in being able to cure most of the oil leaks on his DJ bikes.

He rode the iconic DJ a number of times with a smattering of non finishing thrown in.

He had an uncanny ability to judge speed, bringing pretty good placings.

He loved motor car racing and attended whenever he could. He told of painting lines at the old Westmead track in his youth.

He loved watching rugby .

He liked music and could argue with the best about bands and singers.

He was content to drive the sweep vehicle on our motorcycle runs, enjoying just knowing that his friends were having a good time.

He was good at rally time keeping and could probably have run a rally by himself.

He would collect anything for charities, helping them with clothes and utensils.

If you asked him to meet you somewhere, you could be sure he would be there 10 minutes early.

## **Ron Dukes : 12 July 1947 - 27 August 2020**



- Grew up on a small holding in Edenvale
- Went Broadlands (boarding) School in Meyerton, which was run by his aunt and uncle
- In the late 50s his parents moved to the point in Durban. He finished his schooling at Broadlands coming home for some holidays, but spent most of his free time at with his cousins at his uncle's house in Bedfordview
- He started work as a clerk at Barclays Bank in the mid 60s
- He met Haverley-Ann Bronner, in the late 60s. She was actually the older sister (2 years his senior) of a girl he fancied (Penny) who was one of his sister Mary's friends. Funny anecdote - he phoned Penny to ask her out but she blew him off, so he phoned back and asked Hav out, and she only went out with him to spite her sister. Fortunately she realized that she liked him.
- They got married on 16 May 1970.
- Shortly afterwards he left Barclays (mainly because his manager wouldn't give him leave for his wedding and honeymoon). He joined the Allied Building Society, and was happy there for nearly 20 years.
- They lived in a flat in Phillip Avenue (almost across the road from Inverness where they would later live).
- They had Scott Xavier Dukes, in December 1972 (12th).
- The following year they bought and moved into a house in Horace Road in Woodlands, where they lived for a few years
- In 1975 they bought a house in Hignett Road on the Bluff, where they would live for the next 25 years.
- He got his first "proper" bike (a Honda 500cc) in the late 70s much to his mother's horror.

- He had his first accident a few years later - I remember him coming home, his Safari suit all ripped up, with roasties and raw skin down his one side. Turns out he braked on some spilled liquid soap while coming home on the Southern freeway and the bike slipped out from under him.
- He was one of the founding members of Taurus motorcycle club with his great friend Basil Hurwitz, and I fondly remember going on Sunday morning breakfast runs with him and the club, which included Bob Lurch
- A few years later he joined the CMC.
- At Allied he went from strength to strength becoming a Loans manager and then a branch Operation Manager. This continued after ABSA was formed in the late 80s.
- In the late 90s he was appointed the manager of the ABSA Durban Cash Centre which he ran for many years.
- In late 2000 they sold the house of the Bluff and moved into a flat in Inverness at the corner of Moore and South Ridge roads in Glenwood.
- One of his (and Hav's) happiest moments was when their only son was married in April 2001, but this was soon eclipsed by the birth of his 1st granddaughter, Rebecca, a few days after his 55th birthday on 18 July 2002, and then again by the birth of his second granddaughter, Cassiopeia, 3 years later on 2 June 2005.
- During the '00s ABSA was awarded the KZN provincial government account and he was chosen to run it
- He retired in 2012 at age 65.
- A few years later, Hav was diagnosed with uterine cancer. After a few surgeries and much radiation therapy she beat it for a time, but it ultimately came back and she died in the early hours of the morning on 18 September 2017.
- He spent his last few years enjoying spending time with his son and his grand daughters and going on holiday to the Kruger Park.
- In January 2020 he went on a road trip with us to Knysna, where he had a great time, and we agreed to get a house where we could all live together.
- In February 2020, Scott bought a house in Hillcrest with an attached granny flat for him, and he was incredibly excited to move in with them all.
- Sadly COVID-19 struck and this delayed both the purchase and the move, but we eventually managed to move in in late June 2020.
- Unfortunately the effort of moving exacerbated an unknown heart condition and he had a heart attack in early July due to obstructed arteries.
- He was treated with medication and was able to return home after a week.
- Whilst at home he developed a large abscess and had to be readmitted to hospital for surgery in early August. He returned home after a week and was weak but slowly improving.
- Sadly on 26 August his condition started deteriorating and on the evening of 27 August whilst trying to get back into bed with Scott's help he passed away.

**Jono Marsden: 3 August 1971 – 28 August 2020**



Jono Marsden was born in York in the UK on a military base, and spent his early years growing up and moving around between West Germany, Hampshire and N Ireland, before moving to South Africa in 1980.

He really enjoyed SA, the sunshine, countryside and adventure that he was presented with. He and his younger brother, Richard, had many adventures.

He attended Westville Junior Primary and then Westville Boys High, and after his National Service worked in the Security Industry for many years.

Jono always had a passion for speed and motorcycles. He bought a Royal Enfield Bullet 500 around 4 years ago, which was swiftly traded up to a faster and more reliable Harley Sportster, which was sadly stolen last year!

Jono also enjoyed hiking and the outdoors, and the more miserable the weather, the happier he was! Hiking in thick mist and rain was much more fun and challenging than a sunny day!

Jono fought depression for many years, and sadly lost the battle on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Jono leaves a wife, Heather, and 2 children, Natalie 13, and Nathan 4.

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Dave.

Photo's / further info from Adrian

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