



# BSA OWNERS CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. FOUNDED AUGUST 1990.

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# **STOP PRESS**

The BSAOC of SA International Rally 2023 Website goes 'LIVE!'

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9.00am "They reckon there is a little rain about, but I reckon we will be OK".



3.20pm Run Finishes

3.27pm "Just a passing shower!".



3 59pm "Hey 'Regis', we've got a water bed in our cottage.



4.00pm Power outage! 5.30pm Power back on 'Phew!

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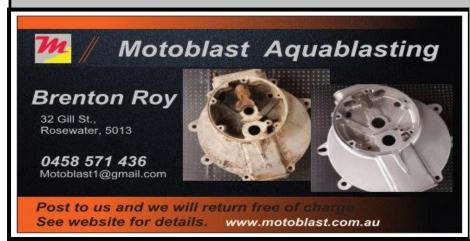
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Federation Rep	Federation queries
Rally coordinator	Rally queries
Club Captain	Club runs
President	General Club policy



#### Presidents Report



Greetings Members,

Well who can believe it's December already, where does the time go? It's been a busy couple of months, firstly with the Festival of Motorcycling, (FOM), early in October, and more recently with our Burra Rally early in Nov. Both these events went off very well and were very much enjoyed by all those who I spoke to. Involved in the FOM, we had several members. Russell Hughes was the BSAOC rep on the FOM organising committee, with Jim Nixon and Rod Bailey organising two of the runs. Full credit to you all, with the event turning out to be a great week, even though the weather threw in a few curve balls! There is a full report of the FOM, starting on page 9, by Rod Bailey. Early November heralded our 30th annual rally in Burra, (where it all started in 1992). There is a full report by Ross Edwards on page 17.

This rally was organised by Verity Robertson, assisted by other dedicated members of the club. Thanks to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in! Verity organised all our meals in conjunction with the local community groups in an effort to give back to the local community. A great idea, and to me personally feel this is what the club is all about!

As with the FOM, the weather at the rally gave us a run for our money, and rather that ruining our weekend, became the talking point of the week end. Unfortunately some of our members bikes fell over, due to their stands becoming undermined by the fast flowing water. These were the unfortunate events, but I did hear a few positives came out of this event also. David Robertson and Mark Hood have moved their relationship to a whole new level since the rain (see picture on page 19). Congratulations to them both! Seriously though, it was a great week end, with great rides, great meals, and great friends!

Lastly I want to wish all our members, your families, and friends, a very 'Merry Xmas'.

Your President Dave Long



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BSA Owners Club. (UK).	The Star	Norton Motorcycle Club of SA	Energette Gazette.
BSAOC of Northern California.	The Bulletin	New Zealand BSA Owners Club	N.Z. Southern Star
Canterbury BSA MC Owners Club Inc. New Zealand	The Winged Wheel	Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club of South Australia	Smoke Signal
Classic Owners Motorcycle Club	The Classic Courier	Historic Motor Vehicles Club	Steering Column
BSAOC of Southern California	Piled Arms	VMCC of Vic	Exhaust Notes
BSAOC of QLD	The Rocket	VCC of QLD	The Vintage Car
Matchless and AJS Enthusiasts Group of Australia, Vic.	Bore and Stroke	Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club Inc	The Bulbhorn

CALENDER OF EVENTS							
Venue	Description	Club Event	Date	Time	Comments		
	2021						
			Dec				
BSAOC	Christmas Picnic Meeting	Yes	Sat 4th	TBA	CCC Clubrooms Picnic Supper Note no Tues night meeting		
BSAOC	Christmas Run Oxenberry Winery.*	Yes	Sun 12th	9.30 for 10.00 am	Meet at Oxenberry Wines, 26 Kangarilla Rd McLaren Vale. Jeff Jones leading.		
					Note: No Tues evening meeting in Dec, Sat afternoon BBQ/Picnic meeting instead on the		
			2022				
			Jan	T			
BSAOC	Meeting		Tues 4th	8.00pm	CCC Clubrooms 8 pm		
BSAOC	Club Run		Sun 9th	9.30am	Highbury Hotel, LWR NE Rd. Dave Pearson		
Event	Yesterdays Power Rally		Sat and Sun	10.00am	Milang - Vintage Machinery Club		
			February	y			
BSAOC	Club Meeting	Yes	1st	8.00pm	CCC Clubrooms 8 pm		
BSAOC	Club Run	Yes	6th	9 for 9.30	Rod Bailey leading		
ABD	All British Day	No	13th	9.00-1030 am	BSAOC Club Site, Meet at venue Gates open at 9am vehicles in place by 10.30		
SWAPMEET	Ballarat	No	25/26th		https://www.ballaratswapmeet.com.au/		
			Mar				
BSAOC	Club Meeting	Yes	1st	8.00pm	CCC Clubrooms 8 pm		
BSAOC	Club Runs	Yes	6th	9 for 9.30	President's Run CCC Clubrooms Dave Long		
					Note: Mon 14 is public holiday		
			April				
BSAOC	Club Meeting	Yes	5th	8.00pm	CCC Clubrooms 8 pm		
BSAOC	Club Runs	Yes	10th	9 for 9.30	Club run (small bike run) Jeff Cleary		
					Note: Easter is 15-18 April, ANZAC Day holiday is Mon 25 April.		

CALENDER OF EVENTS					
Venue	Description	Club Event	Date	Time	Comments
May					
BSAOC	Club Meeting	Yes	Tues 3rd	8.00pm	CCC Clubrooms 8 pm
BSAOC	Club Run	Yes	Sun 8th	9 for 9.30	Ian Rounsevell
June					
BSAOCSA	Meeting	Yes	Tue 07	8.00 pm	
BSAOCSA	Club run	Yes	Sun 12	9.30 am	Barry Ellis leading

<sup>\*</sup>IF THE FORECAST TEMP IS 35°C OR GREATER, ON A CLUB RUN ,IT WILL BE CANCELLED

# Minutes of BSA Owners Club of SA General Meeting Tuesday October 5, 2021

"Triple C" Clubrooms Clark Avenue, Glandore

**MEMBERS: 32 APOLOGIES: 3 GUESTS: 2** 

#### **OPENING and WELCOME**

President Dave Long opened the meeting by welcoming people at 8pm

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approved: John Veale Seconded: Verity Robertson ADOPTED

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE IN**

**BSA Burble** August 2021 Victorian BSAMOA Inc

The Winged Wheel newsletter of Canterbury BSA Owners Club Inc New Zealand

All British Day update. ABD2022 still going ahead at this stage.

All Ford Day Sunday 17 October 7.30-4.00pm, at Oakbank Racecourse.

Wideline Books re ordering Hailwood to Vincent Volume 2 BSA twins book

NZ BSA magazine 'Southern Star' received.

All British Day further update. ABD2022 still going ahead

**Exhaust Notes** from Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria Inc.

Two bike repair inquiries from members of the public.

+ 25 internal club emails

#### CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Minutes of September meeting to committee

Email to all members re NZ BSA magazine 'Southern Star'

Two emails to all members re All British Day 2022 updates

Exhaust Notes from Vintage Motorcycle Club of Victoria circulated to all members

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20 emails to individual members on specific issues

#### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer**

Steve Holmes presented the financial report for September 2021

Moved: C Magor Seconded: H Parslow ADOPTED

#### Club Captain

**Arthur Clisby ride review.** A cold and wet day. Unable to call in on Blue Hillman on the way as he was not well. Another disappointment was the slow access to food and drinks at Wirrina. Rod Bailey waited in line for an hour for a small bucket of shabby chips. Rod to raise this matter at the next Federation meeting.

**Festival of Motorcycling.** Sunday ride to Balhannah Swap Meet led by Rod Bailey. Weather not favourable. Thursday ride to be led by Jim Nixon leaving from Aldinga aerodrome at 9.15am.

A mid-week ride is being planned for Tuesday November 23rd.

**2022 program almost finalised.** Just need a volunteer to organise the July ride which may end up being the same weekend as 24 hour trial.

**Editor.** New magazine out tonight. Dave appreciating Jeff Cleary's help. Don't forget contributions are always welcome – rides you've been on, tech tips, etc.

**Librarian** Alison is re-cataloguing books as book numbers are not matching those on file **Federation** Next meeting October 16. Rod Bailey to attend.

CCC Nil

Regalia See Barry Ellis regarding items on display.

International Rally Next meeting November. Progressing well.

**Welfare** President Dave outlined the sad turn of events that led to Blue Hillman's death since we last met. The large number of club members at the funeral spoke of how much we all thought of Len.

**State Rally** Currently 66 registrations including 6 from interstate whose attendance is very COVID dependent. 57 bikes. Diane Long is the official backup trailer driver and the main contact for marshals, lost riders etc. Happy Hour will be at the Paxton Cottages.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Rally shirts.** In the end an order of just 30 rally shirts were considered not viable. The suggestion of a sew on patch instead was made and regalia officer Barry Ellis will look into this option

**Classic Bike magazines** Geoff West has left a box of old magazines at the back o the meeting for people to take.

John Veale received the meeting's birthday wishes.

**Dave Long** retold his story of two flat tyre stories in a fortnight the second of which involved a large nail in rear tyre today on the Festival of Motorcycling ride.

RAFFLE DRAW

Raised \$64

**PARTS BOOK** 

Buy and sell items were read out and will be included in the next magazine.

**MEETING CLOSED: 8.50pm** 



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# Festival of Motorcycling (FOM) 3rd-9th Oct 2021

#### Day 1 Sunday 3rd Oct (BSAOC Ride.)

The weather was pretty lousy but there was no saying" I'm not going" due to me being the ride leader. We met a small group of, how would I say, "dedicated " but others said "mad" or something to that effect riders at Beaumont Rd Parkside for a ride up past Eagle on the Hill into Stirling, Aldgate etc up to Balhannah for a motorcycle swap meet.



Barry Ellis's 1967 'Spitfire' ready to make the trip to Balhannah



Club Captain Geoff Wood, and Regalia Officer, Barry Ellis shared a joke at the swap meet

On saying that no one complained really about the weather and I think they enjoyed the ride. Arriving at the swap meet our bikes were on display at the cricket pitch. (About 30) Mine was parked next to the BSA gazebo, some others at their various club locations. On talking to Brian from the V&V club who hosts the event said even though the attendance was down it was still a great success.

Well done to everyone that put the effort into either riding, setting up or attending. Bring on day 2 and hope the weather won't be as challenging.

#### Day 2 Monday 4Th Oct (V and V MCC of SA Ride.)

Day 2 of the FOM catered for veteran, vintage, small bikes, scooters and sidecars. It was held at Mannum, next to the magnificent River Murray 80 kms from Adelaide. This ride was organised by the **Veteran and Vintage MCC SA**. Two rides were scheduled, one for larger bikes, another for smaller and older bikes. We met at the **Mary-Anne Reserve** at 10 am, where there was a display of veteran and vintage bikes. and a BBQ

There were two rides depart at 11:00am, 80 km run for slower or older bikes, and a100 km run for faster, larger or modern bikes. He ride took us in a loop along the Murray finishing where it had started at Mannum, and concluded with a BBQ lunch at the rowing club. From all reports everyone had a great day.





A Couple of BSAs that participated in the Mannum Run

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#### Day 3 Tues 5th Oct (Triumph Riders Club SA)

This was a ride from Hazelwood Park up to Lobethal. As it turned out there were 2 bikes that got flat tyres at the start of the run. One was our club president, David Long, on his Triumph Bonneville. I went home to pick up my trailer to with flats to help him out, so we unfortunately missed out on the





A nice assortment of Triumphs from all eras.

Dave Long's Triumph Bonneville, the victim of a 'rouge' tradies nail.

run. (*Many thanks to Rod for his assistance! Dave Long*), It seems that a tradie had dropped his tool box and had left some nails on the ground. A disappointment for those that missed the run.

#### Day 4 Wed 6th Oct (Ulysses club.)

Hosted by the Ulysses club. This run was classified a 'sidecar friendly' run. We met at the Tea Tree Gully hotel for bacon and egg breakfast at 8.30 am then a ride to the Barossa.

About 70 bikes for today, nearly all modern only 1 BSA a WM20 ridden by Tony Abbott. There was a Triumph Trident a couple of scooters but 5 outfits, BMW, Triumph Rocket 3 and 3 Harleys. I was on Alison's Bonneville.

Leaving the pub we headed to Houghton then turned off to Kersbrook cut across some roads for a quick regroup at Mt Pleasant.

Taking off from Mt Pleasant we went to Eden Valley then across to Williamstown, Bethany with a regroup and to see the sights of the Barossa Valley at Meglers Hill. Only stayed for 20 minutes with



A 'Fierce' looking sidecar mounted on a Triumph Rocket 3

Member Tony Abbott's M20 ready to start the Day

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the main group heading to the Vine Inn for lunch while others me included headed into Tanunda for lunch before heading home. I think it was a good day had by all and no break downs.

#### Day 5 Thurs 7th Oct of FOM. (BSAOC of SA).

Met at the top of Cement Hill at the Model Aero Club grounds. Already about 20 bikes there. By the time we were leaving close to 80 motorcycles.

1st stop was to a private airport for morning tea and a look through 3 hangars. Never knew that this place existed in the middle of suburbia. I guess 30 minutes later off we went again, heading to Middleton for lunch.

Ride leader Jim Nixon didn't disappoint with the ride, crisscrossing Main Sth Rd, through the back blocks of Yundi, Nankitta, Tooperang to come out just up from Mt Compass into a not as used road to Middleton.

Just shows how good a ride can be with forward planning and marshals along the way, so hopefully no one gets lost.



Beautiful 1939 'Silver Star'.

Magnificent rotary engine biplane at our morning tea stop.

Chris Magor was our Tail End Charlie and he really was today due to a plug falling out of his carby so the last 10kms was on the back up trailer. Can't get any more tail end than that! LOL. Lunch at the Tavern was excellent and at the end everyone went their own way either with a few or like me by myself. Another great day and looking forward for tomorrow.

### Day 6 Thurs 8th Oct of FOM. (Triumph Riders Club).

Day 6 8 Oct run hosted by the Triumph club to meet at Harts Mill Port Adelaide for a ride to Mallala race track. I was running a bit late, or right on time, as everyone was leaving. About 20 bikes today, mainly Triumphs (of course). Straight ride to Mallala along the Northern Expressway. Something I don't like doing very often especially on a motorcycle. No drama and everyone arrived at the track.



A couple of interesting bikes ready to compete!

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You could have booked to go out on the track but like most of us wondered around the pits and watched others on the track.

Triumph club supplied lunch which was pretty good, steak and onion roll, drink and a chocolate type bar.

After lunch I headed home via Gawler then into the hills. One thing I'll say is the SQ4 doesn't mind sitting on 60 plus mph.

#### Day 7 Fri 9th Oct of FOM. (Classic Owners Club).

We met at the Teatree Gully hotel for a ride to Murray Bridge. Left there for a coffee stop at Birdwood where we picked up some others. This gave us about 30 bikes in total.

From Birdwood across to Tunkillo and Palmer where we detoured to Mypolonga for a look at a private museum, Revolution Motors, where the Malcolm Wicks collection of cars, motorcycles are now housed on a loan agreement. People that don't know Malcolm he collected and restored mainly veteran and Vintage vehicles with some being from the family business Balhannah Nurseries. In amongst the collection 2 in particular stand out: 1 is a 1914 Gordon and the only known survivor of the marquee. The other is a Besst,(not a spelling mistake), which were manufactured in Adelaide. It is believed it's 1 of only 2 to have survived, quite remarkable. Another 2 are Chevy taxis built in Chicago with RHD for Yellow Cabs of Adelaide. All these machines are in goings condition and sometimes used in films.

Another shed held mainly 70s muscle cars being Corvettes, Pontiac, Ford T-Bird(60s) Ford XC Coupe and a Chrysler 300c. A Bagger Harley as well.



A Chicago manufactured 'Adelaide Yellow Taxi'



A 1914 Gordon, the only know example of this marque in existence.

There is a movie theatre and at the moment they are renovating the original house that was burnt down by arson 77 years ago. When finished it will be a convention centre.

All in all worth looking at. I think by appointment only.

Leaving there into Murray bridge to Sturt reserve for lunch put on by the Lions club. The Classic owners also put up a marquee. From lunch a ride back to Little Hampton on the old Princess Hwy where we all went our separate ways.

### The Festival of Motorcycling

I think this was a very successful week of riding around the outskirts of Adelaide. If it wasn't for the dedicated few this would be impossible to achieve.

Well done to Lew Hylton, from the Classic Owners Club, for being the driving force behind this and to Russell from our club for being on the committee as our representative and driving it in the right direction. Also to every other club and people involved. Well done! Rod Bailey

Presidents note: Well done to all involved, without the dedication of these people events like this wouldn't go ahead. I had a great week, even with a puncture. I enjoyed the rides, meeting other riders and visiting places that I didn't know even existed. A special thanks to our members Russell Hughes, Jim Nixon, Rod Bailey and to everyone who pitched in!

Dave Long

#### Minutes of BSA Owners Club of SA General Meeting Tuesday November 2, 2021

"Triple C" Clubrooms Clark Avenue, Glandore

**MEMBERS: 33 APOLOGIES: 6** 

#### **OPENING and WELCOME**

President Dave Long opened the meeting by welcoming people at 8pm

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approved: I Rounsevell Seconded: R Bailey ADOPTED

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Volunteer needed for July 2022 club ride (possibly 24 Hour Trial weekend)

Rally shirts option of patch. Barry Ellis looking into.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE IN**

Barossa Valley GM Owners Club Inc SHOW'N'SHINE Tolley Reserve Nuriootpa Sunday November 7

**Wideline Books** Volume II Hailwood to Vincent. History of the BSA twin racing bikes. Now available. See Jonathan to order

**Macclesfield** Lions Bike Show Sunday November 7. \$5 entry for visitors. Swap meet. BBQ. Live music. Bar and coffee. Show and Shine

**Power of the Past** Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers Club Inc. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Mt Barker Showgrounds. Display and Sunday Swapmeet. Organisers have contacted saying they would like our club in particular to put on a display.

Federation events. Details of both on Federation website

Sunday October 31. Armstrong Siddeley display day at Grange

Sunday February 13. Corvettes Rock the Bay.

#### **CCC** minutes

#### All British Day update

Murray Mallee Auto Club re **Swan Reach River Run 2022.** May 1<sup>st</sup>. More details later.

Sporting Car Club **Book and Magazine sale.** 9.00-2.00pm Saturday 13 November 2021 Sporting Car Club 51 King William Road Unley.

**Email from non-club member (retiree)** asking about a motorcycle project he can take off someone's hands

#### **BSA** International

**Contacts list update** 

2022 Rally Belgium July 9-16. Entry forms out in December

2023 South Australia (November)

**Future international rallies -** 2023 Summer camp Germany, 2024 Norway, 2025 Denmark, 2026 New Zealand

**McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic 2022 Sunday April 3** Grand parade of motoring history, vintage fashion, local wines, gourmet food and live entertainment. Starts at Serafino wines 11am.

8 emails from individual members

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

Email to all members re Wideline books BSA Twins Vol 2.

4 emails to **Wideline Books** regarding BSAOCSA order 28 emails to individual members on specific issues 1 email replying to member of the public regarding restoration

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October 2021 minutes to committee members

Email to Power of the Past acknowledging their request for 2022 display of BSAs.

#### **REPORTS**

#### Treasurer

No October financial report due to treasurer's absence.

#### Club Captain

**Swan Reach Classic Car River Run Sunday May 1**st. Howard Parslow would like to see our club explore the possibility of putting on a bike display at this event.

**Power of the Past 2022.** 10 hands went up volunteering to be part of a bike display at this event on Saturday November 5, 2022 leaving Sunday free to support the clashing Macclesfield event on the following day.

**Mid week ride Tuesday** November 23 is being planned starting at the Parafield Tavern, travelling north and ending with lunch.

**December Christmas run.** 9.30 for 10.00am departure. Leaves from Oxenberry Wines, 26 Kangarilla Road McLaren Vale. Organised by Jeff Jones. *NB. If the temperature is* 35°C or greater this run will be cancelled

**Club BBQ** Saturday December 4. CCC Clubrooms. BYO everything including your own food, chairs, etc. No BBQ as usual.

July 2022. Volunteer now organised.

#### Editor

The surplus of old issues of our club magazine was mentioned and the suggestion made to possibly give them out at various display days.

#### Librarian

Cataloguing proceeding.

#### Federation

Rod shared a fun fact: SA currently has 33,429 historically registered vehicles. This is up markedly from 23,408 in 2018 when rules by which vehicles qualify were relaxed. Originally the system was designed for approximately 8000 vehicles.

#### CCC

Clubroom trophy cabinet for BSAOCSA being investigated. First option prohibitively expense so Jeff Cleary is looking into modifying an Ikea cabinet.

#### Regalia

Grey lightweight polo shirts for sale. Also iron-on 2021 rally badges.

#### **BSAOCSA** annual rally

Now have enough raffle prizes.

Old Burra mine museum will be open to the club after lunch at old railway station. A donation has been made to assist with restoration of the latter.

Interstate registrants have had to cancel due to COVID restrictions

Happy Hour ready to go ahead. May need glasses/cups for wine drinkers.

If anyone has a spare esky it could be useful.

#### International Rally

Next meeting November 14.

Website and Facebook page ready to launch after meeting on 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Welfare

Robyn Lamming fell recently breaking her arm. Dave Long assured members any contact would be welcomed.

Ken Hurley back with us at meetings following shoulder reconstruction

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

SAPOL bikes. Chris Magor pointed out that the SAPOL Historical Society magazine included a nice tribute to Bluey.

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Christmas Picnic Saturday December 4 on lawns outside CCC clubroom. BBQ not allowed so everyone must BYO everything – food, chairs etc.

Alan Burgan and Rod Bailey have had to deal with a member of the public who approached Blue Hillman's family inquiring about purchasing his bikes. It was made clear that this was not appreciated.

#### RAFFLE DRAW

Raised \$56.20

#### **PARTS BOOK**

Buy and sell items were read out and will be included in the next magazine.

**MEETING CLOSED: 8.55pm** 

#### Life Members of the BSAOC of SA

This honour is awarded to members for meritorious service to the club by the committee.

## **Founding Member**

Basil Hodgson† Mike Apthorpe Alex King †

Gordon McAuliffe † Bob Parsons †

**Other Recipients** 

Verity Robertson Ross Edwards Peter Bennett †

Ian Lamming Robyn Lamming, Mal MacKay

Jeff Jones Sue West John Simpson

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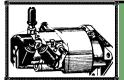
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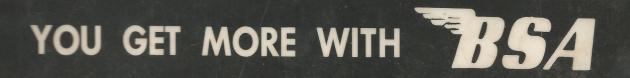
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#### 'Run Etiquette'

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How NOT to lose club members on Club Runs.

- Please arrive at club run departure points with a full tank of petrol.
- No passing the leaders of the groups.
- The leader of the run will point to the corner and the person immediately behind the leader will drop off and wait for 'Tail End Charlie' or the back-up trailer which ever is nominated at the beginning of the run, to pass. (Please note this is not applicable to sidecars due to the difficulty in pulling off to the side of the road, and the possibility of obstructing traffic due to the extra width), This way the run leader will know that all corners or change of directions are covered. This should ensure that the run stays together.
- No individual deviation from the designated run unless first advising the leader and Tail End Charlie stick to follow the leader.
- 'Be mindful of travelling as a group. Do not get too close to the bike in front. Maintain a safe distance between bikes.
- Where possible lead and tail riders will wear Hi-Vis jackets.
- These guidelines are set down to keep the runs running smooth, please adhere to them for the benefit of all riders and accompanying cars including the back up trailer.
- Remember your safety is our number one concern.





# The 2021 BSA Rally by Roscoe Edwards

The BSA Rally this year was to be the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual rally back in Burra where our first rally was held back in 1992. It was organised by Verity Robertson and she had organised many of the local community groups to support the event.

I had originally booked my friend, Wendy in for the rally and were going to share a cabin with Geoff and Hellina Barnes, but Wendy was too ill to attend, so Verity volunteered to sell her tickets to a late entry. As it turned out this proved to be easy so I recouped my \$100. I had planned to take a lot of Geoff's gear in my wagon, as I had decided not to take a motorcycle. I did think about taking the BSA Gold Star, being in my opinion, one of the best 1958 DBD 34's around. I decided against this however as there was to be no opportunity to display it safely, and it might disappear.

We had a leisurely trip up to Burra and arrived by 12.30pm. The Rally was located at the Paxton Square Cottages. These were a group of around 40 adjoining cottages that were miners' accommodation in the 1850's. There was accommodation for two couples in each cottage, and they were well equipped.

On the Friday evening Verity had organised a dinner get together in a garden setting and we were able to catch up with many mates that we hadn't seen for donkeys years The Mob from the West Coast, and others from around SA. I don't get about much these days so it was good to catch up.

On Saturday we were to meet on a road adjacent to the Cottages. Geoff rode around while I drove my wagon over and parked. When the ride group took off, one of the riders near me was having trouble starting his BSA 500 single. I waited until he got it going and he took off up the street. Somehow I was delayed and didn't go the right way until I thought "I'd better consult the map I've been given", then I got going on the correct route. However, it's not possible to follow directions on a map if you don't know the area, so I had to stop at a number of farm houses along the way to verify the route. As it happened I followed the route exactly as planned but could have cut off a section had I thought about it at the time. Eventually. I found Bundaleer Forest where we were to have lunch. I drove in to hopefully find the rally. No such luck! It was around 12.30 pm, lunch time, so I drove back to the main road, and low and behold, there were two marshals on BSA motorcycles. I found they were the leaders of the run and were getting ready to guide the group in to lunch. So I'd caught up!

We had lunch at Bundaleer Forest then I set off for home, being careful to keep the pack in sight. I was with the 'Back-up Group', that also included a few broken down BSAs on trailers and they went past a broken down BSA near the corner of a dirt road that led into a parking area. I stopped to see the unfortunate rider and then a trailer arrived to pick him and his bike up. While waiting I had a look around and found that we had stopped by one of the turbine blades from the wind power generators that were very prominent in the area. I took a photo of this blade but didn't have time to read any of the signs that described the turbines, so I

thought I'd go back later to record it. Unfortunately I missed out on this as I was unable to find it.

Light rain started to fall and as this got heavier I caught up with the Barneses and John and Maria Cribb who were in their very nice 1936 BSA outfit that had run out of petrol. Geoff drained one half of his tank, into a drinking cup at a time, to replenish John's tank and they each headed for home. As it turned out Geoff ran out of petrol 10 yards from our cabin so was able to coast the rest of the way in. Meanwhile the rain was becoming heavier by the minute then the heavens burst! I've never seen such heavy rain. Then the power went off! No lights, so we wondered how we were going have dinner that night. Then the power went back on at 5.30 pm so we could have a shower, and we could look forward to dinner.

On Saturday night we all got spruced up and I drove us over to the Burra Bowling Club for dinner. This was the first group gathering we had had indoors and demonstrated the difficulties that Verity had in organising for over a 100 people. There was nowhere in Burra that could accommodate such a group. The Bowling Club had to cram around 150 people into a room built for 100 and had to cater for them. Geoff Barnes got us a table in the corner of the room as far away from the door as possible and we had a great meal. It was a tad noisy however, so the rest of the group went outside as soon as dinner was over. I stayed however as I had tickets in the raffle. When this was all over I bid my farewell and drove home.

Sunday's Run was to start at 9.30am, so we had a bit of time to have brekky and go up to the start. I was determined not to lose sight of the pack this time and all went well. We went through a lot of small towns that brought back a lot of memories for me. Seven Hill, where there is an old church with a lot of history, and Watervale where Wendy's mum was born. Morning Tea was at a park in Auburn, don't remember much about it, then back to Burra through Manoora and Black Springs. In Burra we headed for the old Railway Station for lunch This is a museum site, the railway having closed years ago and it was nice to explore it before moving on to the 'Bon Accord' Mine Museum just a short walk up the road.

After lunch I explored the Museum area where there is a lot of historical info. The mine started in 1851/2 as a shaft mine. Copper ore was found by a shepherd and miners worked by the light of a candle attached to a band on the head. Miners carried many candles with them to see out the shift. Cornish miners' methods on how to mine and the equipment used was copied. Horse powered pumps were used to pump water from the mine shaft. I think the mine closed in the 1870's but was reopened as an open cut in the 1980's for a short period.

After studying all of the mine exhibits I was pretty tired, but then there were all the BSA's parked nearby and I could take a few more photos. I could also reflect on the mates that I saw once again. The Mob from the West Coast, Ray and Elizabeth Sims from Wallaroo, Buck and Heather Yates from Kimba, Peter and Marlene Poole from Tumby Bay, then those closer to home, Robert Underwood and his wife Helen, Dean

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Launer, John and Maria Cribb, to name a few. Special thanks to Verity, and all those people who put in the effort to make the rally a success.

On the Monday after the Rally Geoff and I set out for home by the direct route and we got safely back to his place and unloaded his gear, I didn't stay long, wanted to get home, and was glad to relax when I got there. Home at last! My own bed that night! Bloody Beauty! Ross Edwards



Father and son duo, Bill and Ben Anderson enjoying the lunch stop at Bundaleer Forrest with their BSA Rocket 3 and A65 Spitfire.



A couple of our ladies enjoying the lunch stop in Bundaleer Forrest. Bronwyn Veale (left) and Bronte Trotter (right).



Mark Hood and Dave Robertson sharing a tender moment during the downpour at Burra. A true friend is a friend indeed!



The boys from over the 'West Coast' catching up for a chat. Great to see them!



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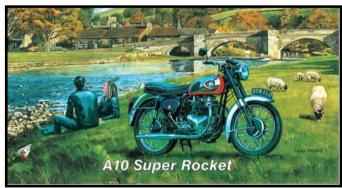
Mal Mackay and Terry M<sup>c</sup>Bride enjoying the serenity of Bundaleer Forrest.

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