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8pm, 1st Thursday of each month at  
Wentworth Hotel,  
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of NSW Inc**

Fellow Beezers,

Back from a US trip with a bundle of new chrome-plated handlebar equipment for the Gold Star, courtesy of Steadfast Cycles. Sunny but cool in Southern California. Toured the USS Midway, retired aircraft carrier in San Diego Bay - very, very big ship, with a display of navy fighters and bombers on the main deck, including George Bush Snr and John Glenn aircraft.

Coming events include the Club's annual AGM at the 3 August meeting. You will all have received from Craig the notice and agenda as well as a nomination form for office. We are looking for a new Secretary as Craig is retiring at the meeting. Not too hard a job, mostly sending out notices, forwarding other clubs' newsletters and general correspondence. Helps to be handy with mailing lists and PC or Mac. See the notices for other rallies and shows in the newsletter.

Sunny side up, The Ed

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# **ZIG ZAG RAILWAY**

## **27 MAY**

A trip by Club members to the re-opening of the Zig Zag Railway, an engineering feat to scale the western wall of the Blue Mountains.

Andrew G has made a video which can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/M6a2fYaAMgI>



# CLUB RUNS

<b>Prospect Hotel</b>	3 Great Western Highway, Prospect
<b>BP Asquith</b>	Corner Pacific Hwy and Jersey St, North Asquith
<b>Watertower</b>	Wood Park, small lookout carpark on Hume Hwy estbound at intersection of Stacey St, Bankstown
<b>Caltex Heathcote</b>	1344 Princes Hwy, Heathcote, south of railway station
<b>McDonalds Kellyville</b>	Corner Merriville Rd and Windsor Rd, Kellyville
<b>Luna Park</b>	North Sydney
<b>St Ives Showground</b>	Mona Vale Road, St Ives
<b>Leo's Truck Stop</b>	Uncle Leo's Roadhouse, located in Caltex servo, 1 Campbelltown Rd, Glenfield
<b>McDonalds Mt Colah</b>	Corner Lady St and Pacific Highway, Mt Colah

## 2023 Run Calendar

**Please Note:** *If raining on the scheduled ride day, the ride transfers to the following weekend. However, please check with the Club Captain, Victor, to confirm on the actual day as to conditions/ride etc as weather conditions vary in the Sydney region. Also see the webpage for other club invitations.*

<b>22/1/23</b>	<b>Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy.</b> McDonalds, Mt Colah 10.00am
<b>5/2/23</b>	<b>Wisemans Ferry.</b> McDonalds Kellyville 9.30am
<b>5/3/23</b>	<b>Mittagong/Moss Vale.</b> Leos Truck Stop, Casula 9.00am
<b>16/4/23</b>	<b>BSA-Norton Gathering, Kulnura.</b> McDonalds Mt Colah 9.00am
<b>2/4/23</b>	<b>Blackheath/Megalong Valley.</b> McDonalds Kellyville 9.00am
<b>5/5/23</b>	<b>Weekend Away.</b> Mudgee (Friday), Bellbird (Saturday), return Broke and Putty Rd. Prospect Hotel 12pm
<b>27/5/23</b>	<b>Zig Zag Railway.</b> BP North Richmond 10.00am
<b>11/6/23</b>	<b>Valley Heights Rail Museum.</b> Via Yarramundi. McDonalds Kellyville 10.00am
<b>9/7/23</b>	<b>Cottage Point.</b> St Ives Showground 10.00am
<b>6/8/23</b>	<b>Bundeena via Helensburgh.</b> Heathcote Ampol 10.00am
<b>10/9/23</b>	<b>Bilpin.</b> McDonalds Kellyville 9.30am
<b>8/10/23</b>	<b>Colo Riverside via Sackville Ferry.</b> McDonalds Kellyville 9.30am
<b>15/10/23</b>	<b>BSA/Norton Gathering, Stanwell Park.</b> Heathcote Ampol 10.00am
<b>5/11/23.</b>	<b>Picton via Wallacia.</b> Prospect Hotel 9.30am
<b>3/12/23</b>	<b>Mystery Ride.</b> Leos Truck Stop Casula 9.30am

***Any queries on runs, please call the Club Captain, Victor, on 0408 286 434***

## Other dates:

**BSA International Rally, Hahndorf, SA 3-9 November 2023**

**Macquarie Towns Rally, 29-30 July and Show Day, 10 September 2023**



# ***BREAKFAST RUN TO COLO***

## ***16 JUNE***

Victor thanks for a great ride today!!

You outdid yourself again - perfect day, great location, great company. We had Victor T, Allan M, Andrew G, Leigh T, and Joe W.

We met up at Hungry Jacks for our senior coffee and snack then up to pick up Leigh and Andrew. Up through Windsor, over the new bridge then through the turf farms up to Freeman's Reach, then on the Putty Road to the Riverside Cafe. More coffee and a good chat then off back up the Putty, turned off at Blaxland Ridge Road heading to Kurrajong and back to Andrew G's home for more tea and bickies and some relaxing before heading home.

I like heading up the Putty Road, there are a lot of roads you can take to a different destination: from Wiseman's Ferry east or Kurrajong or up to Broke and through the back roads through Wollomombi - all great rides.

I took my 350 Black Bess. Victor told me we did 300 kms. I have no speedo or blinkers, just a stop light and parking lights. So only one BSA today but we all had a great fix looking forward to our next ride - north, south, east or west as long as the weather stays like today - no problems

Cheers gents

Joe W



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### **And now a word from our Past President (Mark Kirk):**

"I have read of members debating whether to allow Mahindra Goldies to join the club. In my opinion they should be allowed, that way they should become interested in the older stuff and if you look around the room, we are not spring chickens any more and it would not hurt the membership numbers. They would have to camp in the heathen section at the All British, make them ride at the back to quiet the purists (☺☺) I look forward to seeing one!

Yours in oily bits, Capt Kirk." (Fully agree - The Ed -not a spring chicken)

# A65 PISTON TOOLS

Torquing the camshaft nut, oil pump drive and its locknuts are always part of the joy of rebuilding an A65 motor.

The workshop manual says to lock the engine using a rod through the con rod big end eyes, resting on hardwood pads to avoid denting the crankcase mouth. Actually, the manual says to use this for the alternator nut and clutch centre nut as well, which seems a little brutal for their 55 or 60 ft. lb. Torque.

An alternative to the pads of hardwood is a piston support plate, which is primarily intended for installing the cylinder. There are lots of ways to make these. One method is described below.

## Little end rod

This is relatively simple. The gudgeon pins are 0.750" diameter, and a sliding fit in the little end bushes. The support rod was machined from a 300mm length of 20mm Al round bar, machined down to 0.749". Anything from 0.748" to 0.750" should be fine. The intention is to have a loose sliding fit in the little ends, and to distribute the load across the full upper half of the bushes.

If dimensionally accurate  $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 19mm aluminium or brass rod is available, that will save some work. 19mm is 0.748", so is probably simplest.

## Piston Support Plate

The support plate is a little trickier, partly because of BSA's habit of spacing holes at multiples of  $\frac{1}{16}$ ".

This plate was made using 300mm of 19mm wide by 3mm thick Al.

The slots are approximately 5" deep.

The outer slots are  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide for the outer cylinder base studs.

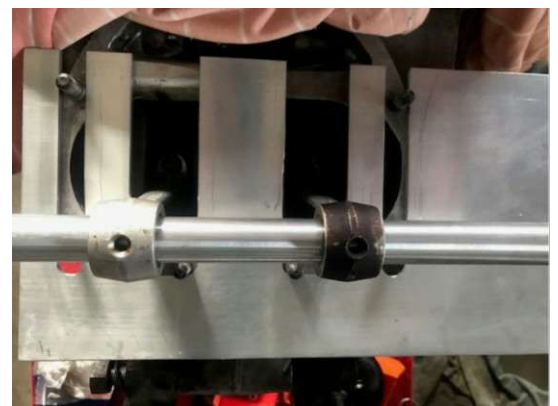
The inner slots are  $1 \frac{3}{8}$ " wide, to clear the inner studs and the con rod little ends.

The outer to inner slot spacing is  $\frac{7}{8}$ ", and the space between the inner slots is  $1 \frac{3}{4}$ ". Slightly wider inner slots will give more clearance.

Ideally, mill the slots. My mill isn't particularly heavy duty, so the slots were roughed out with a thin cutoff wheel in an angle grinder, and finished with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " slot drill (2-flute milling cutter)

A bandsaw, metal jig saw, or similar should do the trick nicely.

Shane



# CLUB MEETINGS

Minutes of the **ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of 1 June 2023

The Ordinary General Meeting was held via Zoom and at the Wentworth Hotel.

The meeting commenced at 8:23 pm and was chaired by President Peter W.

**Attendance:** Present were the following members: Peter W, Gordon H, Trevor H, Shane P, Craig G, Tony G, Doug M, Mark F, Joe W, Neil P, Darren S, Steve A and John M.

**Apologies Received:** Peter H and Victor T.

**Visitors Present:** Bruce Botham who is joining the Club

## **General Business:**

**1) Minutes of the prior Meetings:** The draft minutes for the prior meeting were accepted.

**Action:** The Secretary to issue the approved minutes.

**2) Welfare:** Nil to report.

**3) Memberships:** John M reported that there were 73 fully paid-up members and 15 others being chased up. Annual fees are now overdue if you haven't paid them!!

**4) Treasurer's Report:** Victor advised via Peter W that there was a total of \$4,685 in the combined accounts and cash in hand.

## **5) Correspondence:**

**Mail (in and out):** Macquarie Towns application form for their Annual Rally to be held on 29/30th July. **Action:** The Secretary to issue to members.

**Email:** All emails received via the Secretary's email address have been issued to members.

**Magazines Received:** (Note – hard copy only reported here – refer mail out lists for all magazines): Macquarie Towns flyer for May, BSA Burble for May, Crank Pin for Jan/Feb, Classic Clatter for June.

**6) Regalia:** No new regalia since the last report. Joe advised that Steve Rundle can assist. Peter

asked for Trevor to send him details of regalia needs and he will contact Steve.

## **7) Ride Reports:**

- See the BSA web page for ride reports.
- The Zig Zag ride event was discussed. Only a couple of BSAs but they were of considerable interest to members of the public on the day. Peter asked that members make an effort to ride BSAs to the events wherever possible. Otherwise, the day was very enjoyable. It was the opening day for the railway following years of setbacks. A ride to Thirlmere was raised as an idea for a future club event.

## **8) Upcoming Rides:**

- 11th June: Valley Heights run and railway inspection
- 9th July: Cottage Point run

## **9) Other Business and Matters Arising from Correspondence:**

### **1. Club bank account matters:**

- Peter W confirmed that the new Club general account had been established with the Bendigo bank. All withdrawals need the approval of minimum two signatories. Currently President Peter and Treasurer Victor are signatories. The new Secretary will be the third. Funds are being progressively moved to the new Club account.
- The existing ANZ account will remain for the time being as membership dues go into this account and some recurring payments are established from this account. Will progressively transfer these to the new Club account.
- Peter W advised that they are still trying to get ANZ to respond to our letter of complaint.

### **2. 2022 Gloucester National Rally matters:**

Doug advised that the Shannon's sponsorship had now been received.

### **3. 2023 National Rally in Hahndorf 3-9**

**November:** Steve A will be camping now. It may be possible to release more beds to others. Steve A is preparing one of his bikes for an



overseas visitor to use at the rally.

**4. 2026 National Rally** (hosted by our Club): 13 sites had been slated for inspection and assessment. Four had been eliminated for various reasons and other site inspections are continuing. Need to lock in the location by the end of this year, preferably by October.

**5. AGM:** planning to have the AGM on 3rd August. John M to start preparing the paperwork. Craig has advised that he will be stepping down from the Secretary role at the AGM.

**6. Spare parts:** There was good discussion on the best places to buy parts and get work done. Thropshire Classic Motorcycle Parts was mentioned. Steve A reported that electric starter kits are now available for A65s.

**Next meeting:** Will be a combined Zoom and Wentworth Hotel meeting.

There being no further General Business, the Ordinary General Meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

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**New Inner G/box Cover Gaskets** P/N 71-3096 to suit Triumph TR6, TR7, T120 & T140. These were incorrect items I received from British Motorcycle Parts in NZ. They were supposed to be gaskets for my A65. They have sent the correct A65 gaskets, but happy to give these Triumph gaskets to anyone in the Club that has a need? All da best,

Peter W. 0432 322 980

**1936 BSA C10.** 250cc, unrestored and I believe in original condition, but with good paint and good condition. All electrics working, ignition, generator, lights, horn, tail and brake light. Runs very well, reliable and has been on many club runs. \$6,550.

Contact Eric 0430226349.

**1968 BSA** (model unknown) and **1978 Triumph** (ditto). Owned by Phillip Leach who used to be an active BSA NSW member. Partly restored. Also BSA manifold and many books and tools.

Reasonable offers Judith Igusti [jigusti@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jigusti@yahoo.com.au)

## Wanted

**B31 1957 front mudguard.** Have a Triumph guard but I think the stays are original. Happy to trade the Triumph unit. Bob Denholm 0413 314596

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# OH WHAT A TANGLED WEB...

Andrew, our webman, sent me this data from our website. It shows numbers of visitors, where they come from, what they looked at etc, and it is for 2023 up to mid-May.

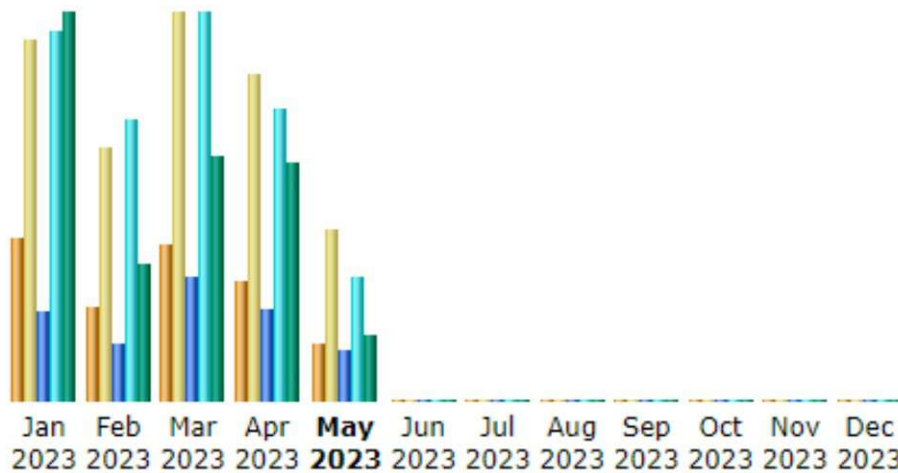
Seems quite a few people are interested in the BSA Club of NSW!

Or are they?

You will notice, apart from locals, the high numbers from the US, Russia and the ex-Russian states and Brits. Having just removed over 400 spam messages (May-June) from our Contact page, it would appear that a lot of hits are from spammers. They are mostly sales pitches, gambling, porn etc.

Might be time for a re-jig of the website!

The Ed



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2023	178	396	593	2,440	55.00 MB
Feb 2023	104	277	376	1,865	19.51 MB
Mar 2023	171	426	820	2,563	34.60 MB
Apr 2023	131	358	612	1,930	33.69 MB
May 2023	62	189	335	820	9.30 MB

Locales (Top 25) - Full list					
Locales		Pages	Hits	Bandwidth	
Australia	au	174	377	2.71 MB	
United States	us	61	85	1.53 MB	
Russian Federation	ru	44	74	1.45 MB	
Great Britain	gb	15	200	1.67 MB	
Taiwan	tw	14	14	615.37 KB	
Malaysia	my	6	6	263.73 KB	
China	cn	5	7	332.78 KB	
Seychelles	sc	4	4	40.41 KB	
Ukraine	ua	4	4	175.82 KB	
Belarus	by	3	3	131.82 KB	
Japan	jp	2	2	40 Bytes	
Indonesia	id	1	1	15.83 KB	
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Belgium	be		3	67.64 KB	
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# Welcome Back, to the 38th Annual CCCMCC Pelican Rally

To be held on the 8th/9th/10th September 2023

This year marks 40 years since the first Central Coast Classic Motor Cycle Club Pelican rally, (two years cancelled due to Covid). The purpose of our Rallies are to provide a venue for the gathering of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Motorcycles of all makes and models, and to help get owners and lovers of old bikes together to Show, discuss, appreciate and enjoy our Passion.

Like last year, the 2023 Pelican Rally will be held at Norah Head Holiday Park. Several onsite cabins and powered site have been reserved under "Pelican Rally", contact the Holiday park on 02 4396 3935. (These remaining options are only on hold till the end of July).

More accommodation options are available at Budgewoi, Toukley and The Entrance. (Norah Head Sporties Club provide a shuttle bus for dinner to and from the above locations)

## Rally Contact Information

**Rally Co-ordinator** - Tim 0418 240 777 or **Rally Secretary** - Mark 0419 237 706

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