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23rd BSA NATIONAL RALLY

Fri 16th Feb to Sun 18th Feb 2018

The Canterbury BSA Owners' Club have pleasure in inviting all BSA Riders and enthusiasts to the BSA Rally to be held at Blue Skies, Kaiapoi

Registrations close 22 January 2018

Entries received after this date cannot be guaranteed accommodation or any regalia

Please print

Surname.....First Name.....
Address.....
.....Phone No.....
Club.....
Pillion Name.....
BSA Model.....Year.....

In signing this form I/we hold blameless Canterbury BSA Owners' Club, it's members and/or committee for any theft, injury or damage which may occur to me /us while travelling to/from or attending the 2018 BSA National Rally, Kaiapoi.

Signature.....Date.....

Rally Fees	Per Person	No Req'd	TOTAL
Rally Fee	\$ 40.00	.....	\$.....
Accommodation (per night)			
Bring own sleeping bag	\$ 15.00	.....	\$.....
Bedding/Linen can be hired per set	\$ 18.00	.....	\$.....
Meals			
Friday BBQ	\$ 15.00	.....	\$.....
Saturday Breakfast - Continental	\$ 15.00	.....	\$.....
Saturday Breakfast - Cooked	\$ 20.00	.....	\$.....
Sunday Breakfast - Continental	\$ 15.00	.....	\$.....
Sunday Breakfast - Cooked	\$ 20.00	.....	\$.....
Saturday Dinner	\$ 30.00	.....	\$.....
Drinks Ticket	\$ 10.00	.....	\$.....
Total			\$.....

All bookings to be made through the Canterbury BSA Owners' Club.

Please make cheques payable to Canterbury BSA Owners' Club and forward registration form and cheque to Canterbury BSA Owners' Club, P O Box 2907, Christchurch. Or pay directly into bank account 03 1592 0031015 000 (with name of entrant) and either email or post your registration form.

Please bring your own lock for your bike.

Note: Any rally participants staying on site in motorhomes or caravans will have to book through Blue Skies.

CANTERBURY BSA CLUB

8th January	Club Night & Committee Meeting	Papanui Club
21st January	Club Run	Bush Inn carpark
12th February	Club Night & Committee Meeting	Papanui Club
18th February	Club Run	Bush Inn carpark
12th March	Club Night & Committee Meeting	Papanui Club
18th March	Club Run	Bush Inn carpark
9th April	Club Night & Committee Meeting	Papanui Club
15th April	Club Run	Bush Inn carpark

CLUB NIGHTS

Held on the second Monday of each month. Venue is Matches Sports Bar, Papanui Club, Sawyers Arms Road, Christchurch
 Club nights commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised
 Check *"The Press"* (Motorcycles column) Saturday prior to meeting.

CLUB RUNS

Held on the third Sunday of each month unless otherwise advised
 Depart from Bush Inn Centre Carpark (opp Westpac), Upper Riccarton
 Summer months meet 10.00am Depart by 10.30am
 Winter months meet 10.30am Depart by 11.00am
 Check *"The Press"* (Motorcycles column in *Motoring* section) Saturday prior to run.
 You don't need a BSA to come on a run.
 Should the run be cancelled for any reason, it will be held the following Sunday.
 The run destination may be changed at the start if weather conditions are not suitable or circumstances change.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Held on the second Monday of each month at 7pm at Matches Sports Bar, Papanui Club, Sawyers Arms Road, Christchurch
 Committee members & phone numbers listed inside front cover

From the Editor

Happy New Year everyone! I hope 2018 is a good one for you all. Make attending the 23rd BSA National Rally at Kaiapoi, 16-18 February, one of your New Year resolutions. Registration details on page three.

In November this year, the 55th BSA International Rally will be held in Victoria, Australia. Details or enquiries can be directed to bsaowners.au@gmail.com and further details will appear in following newsletters and on our website

On a sad note, John Kearns passed away in late December after a long illness. John was a very active club member for many years and served in most positions on the committee (including editor) as well as on many rally organising committees. Above all, he was a damn good mate to all of us and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts go to Sally and the family.

There were a good number of contributors to this issue and I'd like to say thanks to Harry Brown, Thomas Brown, Jens Christenson for trusting me with his amazing archive of BSA advertising material, the good folk at Egli Motorradtechnik, Russell Gallagher, Mark Leoni, Red Miller (another two articles to go yet!) and NZPeterb for his superb *flickr* photos of the Brighton Beach Races.

Ken has done a major revamp on the club website. If you haven't had a look recently, check it out—he's done a great job.

The online version of the club magazine now features sequential page numbers, which greatly improves readability if not the quality of the editing. The club magazine can be downloaded from a link on the Home page on the club website - www.canterburybsaoc.org.nz

See 'Here is the latest magazine, and the previous magazine'.

Regards, John

Please note:

Summer times now apply to our monthly runs

Meet at the Bush Inn car park 10.00 am for a 10.30 am departure

check the Press or the Website;

www.canterburybsaoc.org.nz

Red's BSA A7 Project

This 1952 A7 Longstroke was bought having seen it for sale at the British Bike Show a few months back in Woolston 2017. A lot of the hard work has been done but it seems there is plenty left for me to do.



Many parts are still needed but cash is short and time is plenty so I guess this will be a longish project but it will come out nice I'm sure!

Parts needed: Side or centre stand. Clutch centre, pressure plate, cups ,springs & adjusters. Magneto. Generator. Voltage regulator. Fuel cap. Primary cover. Timing "Y" cover. Carb. Rear wheel drum and spline assembly. Speedometer. Exhaust system. Gear shift lever. Battery carrier. Tail light assembly.

This bike is not going to be a restoration but I hope it will be used and will do BSA proud. I will be looking for these parts and no doubt many others over the next while, as I can afford them. So if you have parts lying about please keep my A7 project in mind.
Cheers. Red

50th Anniversary of BSA and Triumph Triples

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of triples production (the very first appeared in showrooms in 1968). To celebrate the milestone, there are 50 triples related challenges to mark the 50 years since production began. For more information, visit the link:

<https://web.facebook.com/groups/120788488604810/>



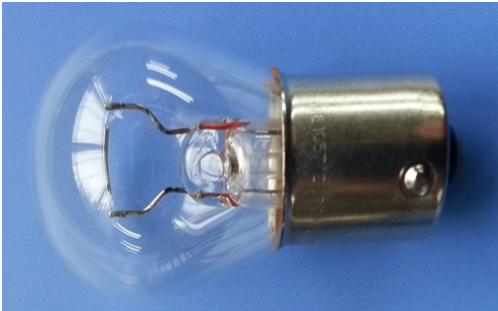
LED Indicators for Brit Bikes



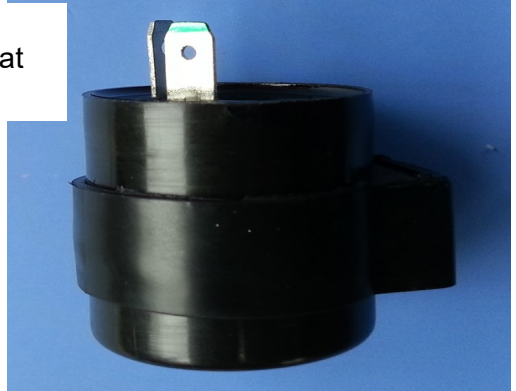
A year or two ago, when I first thought of replacing the Lucas indicator bulbs on the A75 with LED bulbs they were only available as negative earth. Most British classic bikes, including the Rocket 3, are positive earth. More recently, I noticed that Paul Goff, who has an excellent website www.norbsa02.freeuk.com, now stocks LED indicator bulbs in 6v or 12v and +ve or -ve earth. These bulbs are designed to replace the standard bulb. They only consume 3 watts but are as bright as the original indicator bulb (which is 21W). They can be used with clear or amber lenses.

Standard flasher units do not work with LED indicators and an LED compatible flasher unit must be fitted.

The LED bulbs and new flasher unit cost around \$90 including postage from the UK. The difference in indicator performance is obvious – they even work well without the engine running. Six watts versus 42 watts!



Original bulb and flasher unit at top.
LED bulb and compatible flasher unit at bottom.



Disclaimer

The Canterbury BSA Owners' Club Inc. and its Officers will not accept any responsibility for any accident, damage or loss incurred by any persons on any Club organised event or ride. We advise that all members, riders, passengers and people attending any Club organised outing or event must obey the road rules at all times and ride with the utmost care and attention, riding to the conditions at the time. Motorcycles should be registered for NZ and have a current WOF label. Insurance is the responsibility of the Owner. We advise that all members hold their own insurance.



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THE FROZEN CARBURETTOR

People often complain about the police, but you rarely hear about the positive things they do, such as this incident involving a biker and a frozen carburettor.

Last January on a bitterly cold winter's day, a Scottish Motorcycle Patrol Officer came upon a motorcyclist who was stalled by the roadside. The biker was swathed in heavy protective clothing and wearing a full-face helmet to protect the face from the cold weather.

"What's the matter?" asked the Officer.

"Carburettor's frozen" was the terse reply.

"Pee on it. That'll thaw it out."

"I can't," said the biker.

"OK, watch me closely and I'll show you." The Officer unzipped and promptly warmed the carburettor as promised.

Moments later the bike started and the rider drove off, waving.

A few days later, the local Police Station received a note of thanks from the father of the motorcyclist.

It began: "On behalf of my daughter Jill ..."

I went to the liquor store Friday afternoon on my bicycle,

bought a bottle of Rum and put it in the bicycle basket.

As I was about to leave, I thought to myself that if I fell off the bicycle,

the bottle would break. So I drank all the Rum before I cycled home.

It turned out to be a very good decision, because I fell off my bicycle seven times on the way home.

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Russ Short Memorial Run to North Loburn – 15 Oct 2017

Hard to believe another year had skipped by since we did this popular run last year. Peter had been in touch and told me he and the family were keen to host the club for a BBQ lunch again and after their previous efforts we didn't need to be asked twice. An early morning southerly on the Sunday unloaded some heavy showers but by the time we met at Riccarton the roads were dry and it was ideal riding weather. Ken and Red had arrived early (on matching T160s) and when I arrived on the A75 and then Ritchie on his T160, we were able to form a triples subcommittee in the carpark. By the time we left for the Peg at Belfast to collect more riders, we had nine bikes. Good to see Max's other son, David, joining us on the plunger A10 for the day too. Ken couldn't make the run but after staying for a chat managed to get some great pics of several riders as we rode out. Check out the website too – he's been busy with some updates.

As we rode along Greers Road heading for the Main North Road we spotted a couple of our group pulled over helping Kim with the Scott. They waved us on so we waited at the Peg with the rest of the team until they turned up – with Kim riding his Honda by now. I offered to trade my smartphone (and I use that term reluctantly, because it's highly unreliable) for the Scott but Kim said I could have the Scott for nothing! Hopefully, he has sorted the problem and bonded with the bike again. By now we had 16 bikes and set off for Rangiora and then North Loburn. The O'Rourkes (Ray and Brett) had promised to stay away from fords, streams or any other water for the day and in a club first, we all managed to arrive at the farm at the same time. The B44 Victor was at the gate as usual and Peter had his A65 'Old Lightning', T160 and Silver Jubilee Bonnie lined up near the workshop as a guide to parking on the gravel – the grassed area was a bit dodgy for Brit bike stands! Shorty's Laverda Jota was allowed to sit inside the workshop area to avoid any scraps with the BSAs.

The Short's know how to do a good BBQ with all the trimmings and this year was no different. They'd set up tables in a sheltered area behind the house and we joined the family for a top lunch. It's always good to catch up with Jo, Peter and Tina, their sons Pete and Russ (visiting from Australia), Sue and Adri (also visiting from overseas), Brian, Justine and Jeremy and their boys, Jack and Sam. We go back a long way! Once the feeding frenzy had finished, it was time for speeches. After thanking the family for hosting us again it was Sue's turn to present the Russell Short Award for Best Workmanship. As befits a family of wordsmiths, Sue composed a rather nifty poem for the occasion, even incorporating the word sloper. I don't have the words unfortunately, but it was clever. This year's recipient was Sean Green for his magnificent 1929 BSA Sloper 500, displayed at the British Bike Show in August. Well deserved recognition and congratulations Sean. Max accepted the award on Sean's behalf which was appropriate given his input to the engineering side of the massive restoration project. Russell snr would

have thoroughly approved of another Sloper joining the ranks!

Another great day out. Thanks again to Peter, Tina and all the family for organizing things and being such generous hosts. In contrast to our completely -in-formation arrival, we quietly (well, that's relative) drifted away in the late afternoon in ones and twos.

On the run: (Ten BSAs!)

Red M (T160), Ritchie H (T160), Pete M (Suzuki), Wayne L (A50), Didier L (Tri Bonnie), David G (A10), Thomas B (A10), Vic D (A65), Brett O'R (A10), Ray O'R (A10), Max G (B31), Paul B (A75), Herb H (A65), Kim M (Scott/Honda), Ross C (Kawasaki), John P (A75)

Ken R was the cameraman/chief waver-offer

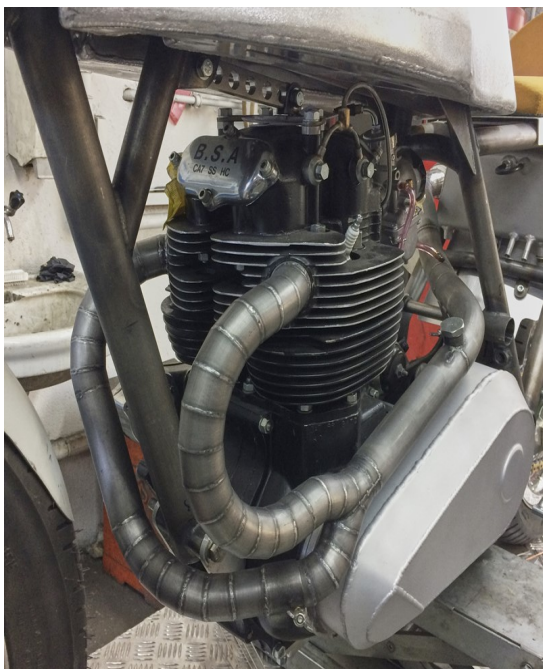


BSA 500 Shooting Star Racer

The *Classic Bike* magazine ran an interesting article last September about the famous Egli motorcycle frame business, founded by Fritz Egli in Switzerland. The company was purchased by Alexander Frei, a former endurance racer, in 2015 and the article focused on some of their current projects, including an Egli BSA 500 Shooting Star racer. I emailed the company to see if I could have a photo or two of the BSA for the club newsletter and Felicitas (Alexander's wife) very kindly sent numerous images of the project as it took shape. It was a difficult task to choose which ones to print!



Many thanks to Alex, Felicitas and also Othmar (responsible for the brilliant welding) for sharing their work with us. Greetings to Fritz too – he still lives above the workshop and keeps a fatherly eye on proceedings. We hope Egli Motorradtechnik AG has a great year in 2018.



Smash Palace Bike Show





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The 54th International BSA Rally 2017 IJhorst, the Netherlands – 26th August to 2nd September

The rally was held in a very beautiful area of the Netherlands, the Reest Valley, with the Reest Boundary River running more than thirty kilometres through a region with flowery meadows, ash woodlands, moorland and forest.

Riding on the quiet winding roads will set one back in time. Along the road through Staphorst and Rouveen there are beautiful monumental farmhouses with green shutters combined with blue windows for about 10 km, where many women still wear their traditional costume every day and one can't take a photo without their permission.

Day 1, Saturday, I arrived and checked in then met up with twelve people I knew in the first ten minutes. Great to catch up with old friends who all wished me well. They had a band in the marquee called Grooving who played until about midnight.



The Slow Race begins. BSA Sunbeam scooter takes an early lead.

Day 2 was the official opening of the rally by Aad Otto who I first met twenty years ago. Nice to see him once more. They played Silly Games in the morning and then there was a 28 km ride to explore the area.

Old motorcycle dealer display at the rally

Day 4 was a 44 km ride to an American motorcycle museum. At the age of 25, Max Middelbosch bought his first Harley Davidson, an Electra Glide. He liked it because of its style and accompanied by his wife, started riding through Europe and into the East Communist states. A lifelong passion for bikes was born and now the collection numbers over 150 machines, including Harleys, Indians, Ace, Excelsior, Henderson, Thor, Rikuo, SuperX and Mabeco. The museum gives an overview of American motorcycles from 1900 to the 1980s.

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of 1170 AD. They called their settlement Greytenhorn (horn of goats), later corrupted to Greythorn and finally Giethoorn. The village is the result of peat cutting, because the digging of peat resulted in lakes and ponds arising and then to transport the peat, canals and waterways were built. Many houses look like they have been built on little islands which can only be reached by small walking bridges that are characteristic of Giethoorn.



BSA car

Day 6 was a 77 km ride to Kampen, an historic merchant town which includes the remains of the ancient city wall of which three gates are still standing, as well as numerous churches. Also notable are the three bridges over the IJssel which connect Kampen with IJsselmuiden and Kampereiland, the main agricultural area for this part of Holland.

There were 400 entries for the rally – including one Kiwi and about a dozen Aussies. All in all, a very good rally. Thomas B



One-off 1981 BSA V-twin by a Dutch engineer,
at the 2017 BSA International Rally



Very tidy side-valve BSA spotted at the rally



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Brighton Beach Races



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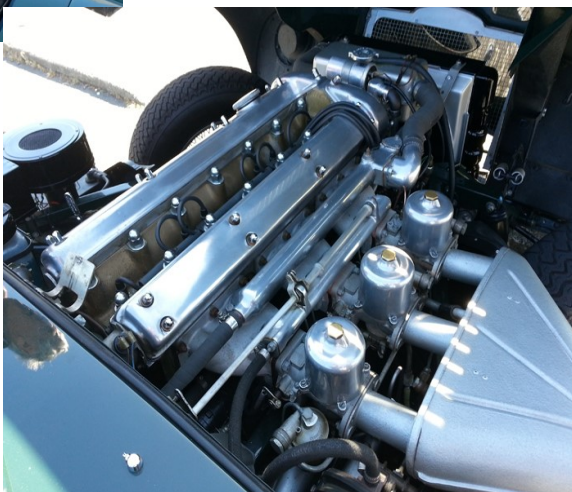


McLeans Island Swap Meet 2017. Mark set up the BSA display and he and Vic arranged their bikes. Then the rain arrived! The punters stayed home. Hats off guys.



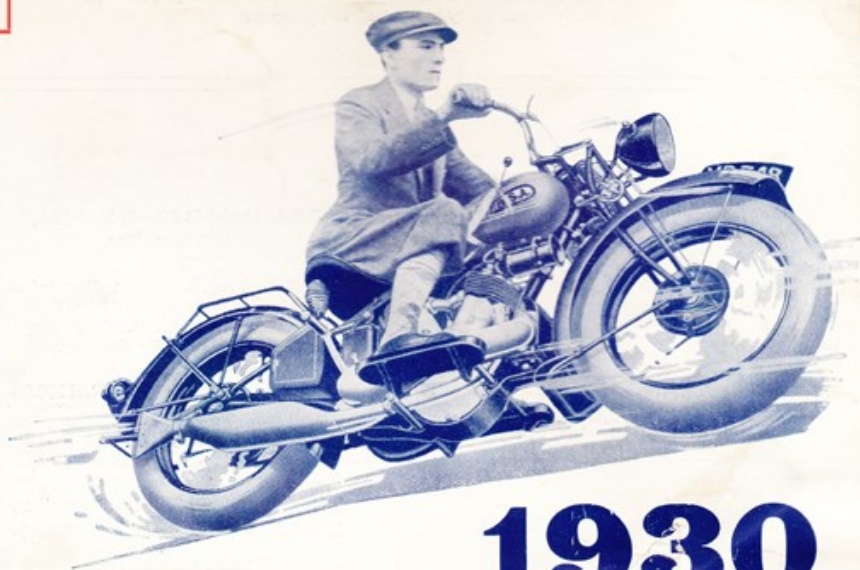
Hororata Run riders gather at Church Corner on Sunday 19 November 2017. Not for our chief waver-offer to lower the tone by arriving in a white van.

This is Brian W's mint '63 3.8L E-type Roadster.



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