

# Open Road



Issue 2

## Welcome

### Welcome to Issue 2 of Open Road.

In this issue you'll find a great reason to share your photos, we share some top motorcycle tips and highlight the big events coming up. See you there!

*All the best from the team at Swann*

## Take advantage of our Club Scheme



If you're a member of a classic car, hot rod or motorcycle club, you and your fellow club members can receive a discount and the club can receive a commission. To find out more, call Ann Smith or Peter Coombe on **0800 807 926**. They'll talk through the options for your club and where possible, they can present at one of your meetings.

## Specialised motorcycle cover

As motorcycle enthusiasts ourselves, we know that the passion comes in all shapes and sizes. That's why we offer tailored motorcycle insurance with special benefits for special bikes. So if you've got one motorcycle or a collection, we've got the policy to keep you covered.

- **Classic Motorcycle Insurance** – comprehensive cover that includes agreed value, riding gear cover and your choice of repairer.
- **Harley-Davidson® Insurance** – customised Harley-Davidson cover and additional benefits if you're a H.O.G member.
- **MaxiRider Motorcycle Insurance** – we insure dirt bikes, motocross, enduros, race bikes, scooters, quads and trikes.

If you, or anyone you know, needs to have a fresh look at motorcycle cover, we'd like to have a chat to make sure you've got exactly the right policy. Give us a ring on **0800 807 926**.



## Share photos and facts for the chance to win a Mother's Wax Attack pack worth \$190.00

We'd love to share photos and histories of our readers' classic cars and bikes in future issues of Open Road. If you'd like to see your pride and joy in print, email a photo and description (in 25 words or less) to **swann@iag.co.nz** or post to **Swann Insurance, PO Box 68-200, Newton, Auckland 1145**. All entries we receive before 31 March 2011 will go in the draw to win a Mother's Wax Attack pack valued at \$190. And congratulations to Warren Phillip of Auckland who won the \$200 petrol voucher prize from Issue 1.



## Shows, meets and events

It's a busy few months ahead with some big events for participants and spectators alike. We're going to be at the shows below. So if you are there too, stop by, say hi and have a chat about your car or motorcycle.

### February

Saturday 26 – Sunday 27

**Sounds of Chrome:** Hampton Downs, Te Kauwhata. Weekend ticket \$40 (limited numbers). Over 600 V8, V10 and V12 cars. Great music, stunt show, on-site camping and much more. Go to **www.hamptondowns.co.nz** for more information.



### March

Sunday 6

**Bayswater Auto Show:** Bayswater School, Bayswater, Auckland. 10am to 3pm. \$5 per person, family \$15. A great family day with more than 200 cars from various clubs. Go to **www.bayswaterautoshow.co.nz** for more information.



Saturday 26 – Sunday 27

**New Zealand 2011 Superbike Championship:** Hampton Downs, Te Kauwhata. Round 4 – includes the NZ Tourist Trophy. Go to **www.hamptondowns.co.nz** for more information.

### April

Easter: Friday 22 – Monday 25

**Street Rod Nationals:** Invercargill. Show and Shine at Ascot Park Racecourse on the 23rd. Cruise through Southland to Te Anau and back on the 24th. Go to **www.streetmachinessouthland.org** for more information.



### May

Sunday 8

**Pukekohe Lions Club Extravaganza:** Pukekohe Park Raceway from 10am – 3pm. Go to **www.wheelsoffortune.co.nz** for more information.



## Rain, hail, cyclone... nothing keeps us away!

Peter Coombe, standing behind the podium, is one of the Swann team. Ann Smith and Pete attend car and motorcycle events around the country. Over the past few months, the weather has made things interesting to say the least. Hundreds of cars turned up to Rangiora Muscle Car Madness despite it raining all weekend. The next weekend, the team had to deal with the remnants of Cyclone Wilma as they were setting up the stand at the Hibiscus Rodders Car Show. Luckily, the sun did come out at lunchtime and the day was a successful fundraising event for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.



## Pete's pit stop

In this issue, Pete, our expert motor enthusiast, offers safety and maintenance tips for motorcycle tyres and brakes.

**Tyre pressure.** To keep your tyres in top condition, make sure to stick to the manufacturer's pressure recommendation.

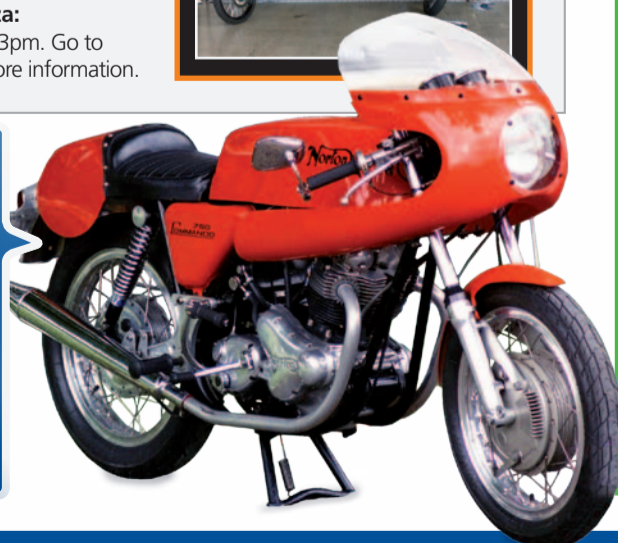
**Spokes.** If you have spoked wheels, they need to be tensioned correctly to keep the wheels running true and the wheels strong. Loose spokes can cause flexing, poor braking and flat tyres if they push through into the tube. Your local bike shop can adjust these for you.

**Brakes.** If you have disc brakes, check the discs for correct thickness (most have a minimum measurement stamped on them), warps and heat cracks. Check the pads for thickness and condition. Some pads will have wear indicators on them. Check the hydraulic hoses for chafing or splits. If you've got drum brakes, check the drums for any scoring or internal marks. Some drums will have wear indicators on the brake arms. Remove the wheel and check the linings for correct thickness. Check the cables for any chafing or fraying and lubricate them from the top. Oil in the cable stops water from causing sticking and notchy operation.

Remember – you only have a few millimetres of rubber contacting the road at any one time so all of the above tips are important to keep that happening.

### ONE FINAL POINT FROM PETE:

**BE SEEN.** Always ride with your headlight on and wear the brightest riding equipment you can. Most bike shops sell fluoro vests and ACC occasionally hands them out for FREE.



### MOTORCYCLE FEATURE:

Pete Coombe's 1970 Norton Commando 'S' model

- 745cc
- Norton production racer bodywork
- Norvil frame isolastics
- Norton 4S camshaft
- Amal 32mm concentric carburettors
- Grimeca 4LS front brake
- 18" Borrani rims
- Billet triple trees
- Tommaselli clip ons

