



The “Spoke ‘n Word”

The newsletter of the Cape Vintage Motorcycle Club July 2026



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Mick Skelly – Serial Bike Restorer !



**Mick Skelly has once again scooped up the trophy
for the Best Restoration of the Year!
Well done Mick!**

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

We have entered a new financial year for the club, and I would like to welcome Gavin Allison who has been elected as treasurer to the committee. Gavin has been very involved with the club for many years and has also served on the committee for a number of years, so his valuable experience will be a great asset to the club.

Our new committee is made up of:

- Chairman: Mark Palmer
- Vice Chairman: Gavin Youngman
- Treasurer: Gavin Alison
- Secretary: Len Harrison
- Committee member: Andrew Miles (SAVVA Delegate)
- Committee member: Vivian Rocher Snr
- Dating Officer: Bruce Kirby

Congratulations to everyone who won awards at the AGM:

- Attendance Trophy: Vivian Rocher
- Clubman of the Year: Gavin Allison
- Best Restoration of the year: Mick Skelly for his 1954 Baylis Thomas with a 197cc Villiers engine
- Bright Spark Trophy: Herbie MalanIt was great to see four bikes presented to compete for the Best Restoration Trophy. They were all beautiful examples!!

Thank you to all who made it to the AGM. It is heartening to see the support our club has, and it is the members who make it such a strong club.

The Fairest Cape Tour is getting rapidly closer, so get stuck into the garage and polish up those wonderful machines for a great few days of fun on the event.

Please also get your bikes ready for display at the Killarney Motor Show on 1st November!

Hope to see you all at De Werf on the N7 at the Philadelphia turnoff, a new venue for us to visit, this coming Sunday 2nd August.

Cheers *Mark Palmer*

EDITOR'S PIECE

Last month we featured Vespa's 80th anniversary. This month it is Ducati's turn celebrating their 100th anniversary. To celebrate Ducati have brought out 10 new limited edition models inspired by models from the past. Personally, I love the models from the past more than the new models, but that's just me. Have a look at the article & pictures and let me know what do you think?



My grandson Keagan, has decided the Norton is his new favorite bike in the garage!

Invitation emails and Entry Forms for the 39th Fairest Cape Tour have been sent out. Check your mail box and get your entry in early. If you have not received an email and are interested in taking part, please contact Eddie on fairestcapetour@gmail.com and he will sort you out.

Don't forget – you are welcome to send me articles to include in the newsletter!

Hope you enjoy all the articles this month!

Gavin Youngman

DUCATI'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

Ducati celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2026 with a rich history, global events, and the exclusive Collezione 100 motorcycles.

Historical Background

Ducati was founded on **4 July 1926** in Bologna, Italy, by Adriano Cavaliere Ducati and his brothers Bruno and Marcello as “Società Scientifica Radio Brevetti Ducati,” initially producing radio components and capacitors. After World War II, the company pivoted to motorcycles, starting with the **Cucciolo**, a small auxiliary engine for bicycles that evolved into lightweight motorcycles. Over the decades, Ducati became renowned for its **racing success, innovative engineering, and iconic designs**, establishing a global reputation for performance and style.



1946 DUCATI CUCCIOLA

The Ducati Cucciolo was powered by a 48cc four-stroke single-cylinder air-cooled engine that boasted up to 1,5 hp in some versions. A two-speed gearbox and a final chain drive pushed the engine's power to the rear wheel.

Centenary Celebrations

The **Ducati Centenary** in 2026 is marked by worldwide events, exhibitions, and commemorations. Highlights include:

- **World Ducati Week and Campioni in Pista:** Showcasing seventy years of racing history and iconic motorcycles.
- **Italian Philatelic Tribute:** A commemorative stamp issued by the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy.
- **Global Enthusiast Participation:** Fans and riders worldwide joined celebrations under the motto "We Ride As One".

Collezione 100: Limited-Edition Motorcycles

To honor its centenary, Ducati launched the **Collezione 100**, a series of **ten ultra-exclusive motorcycles**, each limited to **100 units**. Key features include:

- **Historic-Inspired Liveries:** Each bike reflects a significant Ducati model from the past, such as the 750 F1 #618, 1972 750 Imola Desmo, and 1979 900 Mike Hailwood Replica.
- **Modern Engineering:** Bikes are built on current platforms like Panigale, Monster, Multistrada, Scrambler, and Hypermotard, incorporating **dry clutches, carbon-fiber parts, titanium exhausts, and bespoke accessories**.

- **Collector Details:** Each unit features **numbered plaques, embroidered seats, Centenary Bronze brake calipers, special start-up graphics, and matching artwork by Ugo Nespolo.**
- **Global Reveal:** The collection was unveiled at **Mugello Circuit**, blending Ducati's racing heritage with modern superbike technology.

Legacy and Impact

Ducati's centenary reflects a century of **courage, ingenuity, and passion**, from its early radio technology roots to becoming a symbol of Italian motorcycle excellence. The celebrations and Collezione 100 highlight both the **brand's historical milestones** and its **commitment to innovation**, offering enthusiasts a tangible connection to Ducati's legacy.

The 100-year milestone not only honors Ducati's past but also **sets the stage for future innovations**, reinforcing its position as a leader in motorcycle design, performance, and culture worldwide.

1. Panigale V4 S 100

Inspired by: 750 Imola Desmo — 1972, famous for the Paul Smart/Bruno Spaggiari victory at Imola.



2. Panigale V2 S 100

Inspired by: 750 Super Sport Desmo — 1975.



3. Streetfighter V4 S 100

Inspired by: 900 Sport Desmo Darmah — 1979, the source of the striking black-and-gold treatment.



4. Monster 100

Inspired by: Monster S4Rs Tricolore — 2008.



5. XDiavel V4 100

Inspired by: 750 Super Sport “California Hot Rod” — 1977, associated with Cook Neilson's historic Daytona victory.



6. Diavel V4 RS 100

Inspired by: 900 Replica — 1979, based on the Ducati that won the 1978 Isle of Man TT.



7. Multistrada V4 RS 100

Inspired by: 500 SL Pantah — 1979, a particularly important Ducati because it introduced the Pantah engine and the trellis-frame concept.



8. Scrambler 100

Inspired by: 250 Scrambler — 1962, the original Scrambler developed for the American market.



9. Hypermotard V2 SP 100

Inspired by: Ducati 860 “24 Horas de Montjuïc” — 1975.



10. DesertX 100

Inspired by: Pantah “Ice” — 1981, an extraordinary modified Pantah used on frozen Alpine tracks.



The historical connections are particularly interesting. For someone interested in classic motorcycles, I think the **Panigale V4/750 Imola**, **XDiavel/California Hot Rod**, **Multistrada/Pantah** and **DesertX/Pantah Ice** pairings are the most fascinating.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our club AGM was held on Saturday 18th July 2026 where your committee members for the coming year were elected.

Trophy awards for Clubman of the year, Attendance, Bright Spark, and Best Restoration were presented.



Mark Palmer
presents
The Clubman of
the Year
Trophy to Gavin
Allison



Gavin
Youngman
presents the
Bright Spark
Trophy
To Herbie Malan



Gavin
Youngman
presents the
Best Restoration
Trophy
To Mick Skelly
(1954 Baylis
Thomas 197cc
Villier's engine)



Gavin
Youngman
presents the
Best Attendance
Trophy to Vivian
Rocher

A fantastic presentation of restored bikes



Andrew
Miles
1934
Coventry
Eagle
250cc
2stroke



Herbie
Malan
1934 BSA
500cc



Alan
Cunningham
1975
Yamaha
DT 400



Mick
Skelly
The
winner
with the
trophy
1954
Bayliss
Thomas
197cc
Villiers 8E
engine

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday 2nd August 2026 – Breakfast Ride venue – De Werf Restaurant, Intersection R304 & N7, Philadelphia Rd. 9:30am
- 13th – 15th August 2026 – Motul Classic Magnum Rally, Mpumalanga Lowveld.
- Saturday 16th August 2026 – Monthly Natter Multi-Motor Club, Jan Burger Sports Centre, De Grendal Rd, Parow
- Sunday 7th September 2026 – Breakfast ride venue TBA
- 8th – 10th November 2026 – CVMC 39th Fairest Cape Tour at Goudini Spa, Rawsonville.



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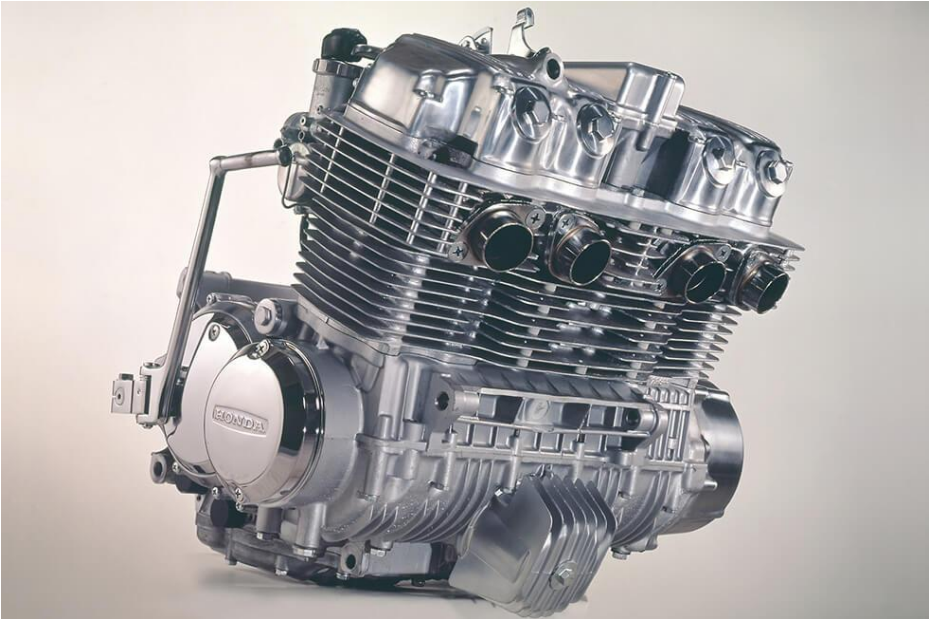
The Honda CB750 – The Motorcycle That Created the Superbike

When Honda unveiled the **CB750 Four** in 1969, the motorcycle world changed forever. It wasn't just another new model – it was a revolution on two wheels. So influential was the CB750 that it is still widely regarded as the world's first "**superbike**."

Before the CB750 arrived, riders who wanted high performance generally had to choose expensive European motorcycles from Britain or Italy. These machines were exciting but often demanded regular maintenance and could be temperamental. Honda saw an opportunity to build something different: a motorcycle that combined outstanding performance, reliability, comfort and affordability.



Powered by a smooth 736cc air-cooled, transverse inline four-cylinder engine with a single overhead camshaft, the CB750 produced around 67 horsepower. It could reach speeds of over 190 km/h (120 mph), making it one of the fastest production motorcycles of its day. Just as importantly, it was remarkably refined, starting at the touch of a button thanks to its electric starter.



The CB750 also introduced technology that was rare on production motorcycles. It was the first mass-produced motorcycle to feature a **hydraulic front disc brake**, providing braking performance that set new standards. Combined with its five-speed gearbox and dependable engineering, the CB750 offered a riding experience that many competitors simply could not match.

The public response was overwhelming. Demand quickly exceeded Honda's expectations, and riders around the world embraced the new machine. The CB750 earned a reputation for being fast, reliable and practical enough for everyday use. It appealed equally to commuters, touring riders and enthusiasts looking for thrilling performance.

The CB750 also had a significant impact on motorcycle racing. It proved highly competitive in production-based events and inspired a new generation of race bikes and performance motorcycles. Manufacturers everywhere took notice, and within a few years the era of the multi-cylinder superbike was firmly established.



More than half a century later, the original CB750 remains one of motorcycling's true icons. Well-preserved examples are highly sought after by collectors, while restored machines continue to appear at classic motorcycle events across the world. Many owners still ride them regularly, a testament to Honda's engineering excellence.

Looking back, it is easy to understand why the CB750 is remembered with such affection. It combined speed, reliability, innovation and value in a package that ordinary riders could actually own. In doing so, Honda didn't simply build a successful motorcycle—it created a legend and set the benchmark for every superbike that followed.

The Honda CB750 was more than a motorcycle; it was a milestone in motorcycling history, earning its rightful place as the machine that introduced the world to the modern superbike.

Allan and Dylan out and about on the Honda CB750's!





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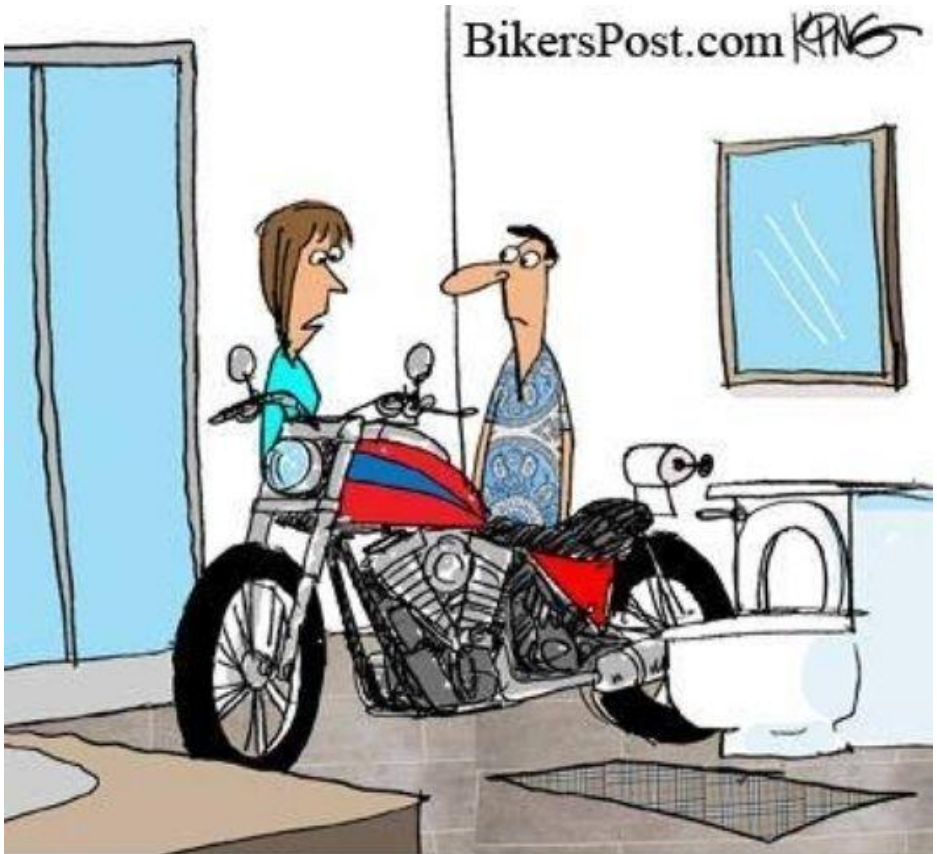




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JOKE OF THE MONTH



"I realize you hate being away from your motorcycle, but did you have to bring it into the bathroom?"

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all those who are celebrating their birthdays in July.



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SAVVA Delegate	Andrew Miles	083 451 7622
Secretary	Len Harrison	083 317 2585
Comm. Member	Vivian Snr Rocher	082 355 0930
Dating Officer	Bruce Kirby	083 700 6806

Club breakfast runs occur every first Sunday of the month, venues to be announced in

“The Spoke ‘n Word” and the WhatsApp Group

Monthly Club “Natter” at 2 pm every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Multi Motor Club, De Grendel Road, Parow.

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