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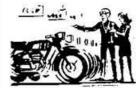
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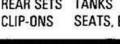
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1956

General Classification: K. W. James & I. I. Lloyd (348 BSA) 72.30 mph Entrant - Marsh & Fry, Ltd. 350 cc Class: K. W. James & I. I. Lloyd (348 BSA) 72.30 mph Entrant - Marsh & Fry, Ltd. 500 cc Class: B. D. Codd & A. R. Rutherford (BSA) 70.77 mph Entrant - Austin Munks 750 cc Class: P. H. Tait & K. Bryen (649 Triumph) 68.01 mph Entrant - Bob Foster

1957

General Classification: F. Webber & R. A. Avery (348 BSA) 67 mph Entrant—F. Webber 350 cc Class: F. Webber & R. A. Avery (348 BSA) 67 mph Entrant—F. Webber 500 cc Class: J. Tickle & V. Graham (BSA) 62 mph Entrant—J. Tickle 750 cc Class: G. J. Hughes & S. W. Stevens (649 Triumph) 66 mph Entrant—G. J. Hughes

1958

General Classification: S. M. B. Hailwood & D. F. Shorey (649 Triumph) 66 mph Entrant — Ecurie Sportive

350 cc Class: T. Jeffery & L. Carr (BSA) 59.66 mph Entrant — T. Jeffery

1,000 cc Multi-Cylinder Class:
S. M. B. Hailwood & D. F. Shorey (649 Triumph) 66 mph Entrant — Ecurie Sportive

1,000 cc Single-Cylinder Class:
B. F. Herbert & G. Turner
(490 Norton) 60.10 mph
Entrant — B. F. Herbert

1959

General Classification: J. H. L. Lewis & B. J. Daniels (592 BMW) 66.88 mph Entrant - MLG Motorcycles, Ltd. 250 cc Class: A. S. Pavey & P. W. Jordan (NSU)

Entrant — P. W. Jordan 58.11 mph 350 cc Class: F. J. Wallis & I. Watton (BSA) 59.04 mph Entrant - S. Hoff 1,000 cc Multi-Cylinder Class: I. H. L. Lewis & B. J. Daniels (592 BMW) 66.88 mph Entrant - MLG Motorcycles, Ltd. 1,000 cc Single-Cylinder Class: D. T. Powell & L. Carr (499 BSA) 66.10 mph Entrant - Bob Foster

1960

General Classification: R. J. Langston & D. G. Chapman (646 AJS) 68.48 mph Entrant - G. Monty & Dudley-Ward, Ltd. 250 cc Class: R. Prowting & M. Munday (Royal Enfield) 61.26 mph oyal Enfield) 61.26 mph Entrant — Lawton & Wilson, Ltd. 500 cc Class: D. Greenfield & F. Swift 65.72 mph Entrant - Denis Parkinson, Ltd. Over 500 cc Class R. J. Langston & D. G. Chapman (646 AJS) 68.48 mph Entrant - G. Monty & Dudley-Ward, Ltd.

1961

General Classification: T. Godfrey & J. Holder (649 Triumph) 67.29 mph Entrant — Alec Bennett, Ltd.

250 cc Class: W. A. Smith & J. Hartle (Honda) 63.40 mph Entrant — Bill Smith Motors, Ltd.

500 cc Class: D. Greenfield & F. Swift (Norton) 67 mph Entrant — Denis Parkinson, Ltd.

Over 500 cc Class: T. Godfrey & J. Holder (649 Triumph) 67.29 mph Entrant — Alec Bennett, Ltd.

1962

General Classification: P. W. Read & B. P. Setchell (647 Norton) 76.45 mph

Entrant — Lawton & Wilson, Ltd.

250 cc Class: D. W. Minter & W. A. Smith (Honda) 70.98 mph

Entrant — Hondis, Ltd.

500 cc Class: R. Ingram & F. Swift (Norton) 73.72 mph

Entrant — Denis Parkinson, Ltd.

Over 500 cc Class: P. W. Read & B. P. Setchell (647 Norton) 76.45 mph Entrant — Lawton & Wilson, Ltd.

1963

General Classification: P. W. Read & P. Setchell (647 Norton) 68.7 mph Entrant - Lawton & Wilson, Ltd. 250 cc Class: K. Martin & F. Gonzales 64.6 mph (196 Bultaco) Entrant - Bultaco Concessionaires, Ltd. 500 cc Class: B. J. Davis & W. Scott 67.45 mph (Triumph) Entrant — Antar Motors, Ltd. Over 500 cc Class: P. W. Read & B. P. 68.7 mph Setchell (647 Norton) Entrant - Lawton & Wilson, Ltd.

1964

General Classification: B. P. Setchell & D. Woodman (647 Norton) 69.57 mph Entrant — Lawton & Wilson, Ltd.

250 cc Class: P. J. Williams & T. Wood (AJS) 61.60 mph Entrant — Arter Bros., Ltd.

500 cc Class: A. Harris & H. D. German (Velocette) 68.70 mph Entrant — L. Stevens, Ltd.

Over 500 cc Class: B. P. Setchell & D. Woodman (647 Norton) 69.57 mph

Entrant - Lawton & Wilson, Ltd.

General Classification: D. F. Degens &

1965

B. J. Lawton (649 Triumph) 79.16 mph

Entrant — Lawton & Wilson, Ltd.

250 cc Class: D. W. Minter & P. Inchley
(Cotton) 75.29 mph

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500 cc Class: P. J. Dunphy & D. J.
Dixon (Velocette) 66.79 mph

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1966

250 cc Class: R. Everett & P. Inchley (Cotton) 75.25 mph Entrant — Cotton Motor Cycles, Ltd.

500 cc Class: T. Phillips & D. L. Croxford (Velocette) 75.3 mph Entrant — Geoff Dodkin Motor Cycles

750 cc Class: D. F. Degens & R. Butcher (649 Triumph) 79.1 mph Entrant — Lawton & Wilson, Ltd.

General Classification: D. F. Degens & R. Butcher (649 Triumph) 79.1 mph

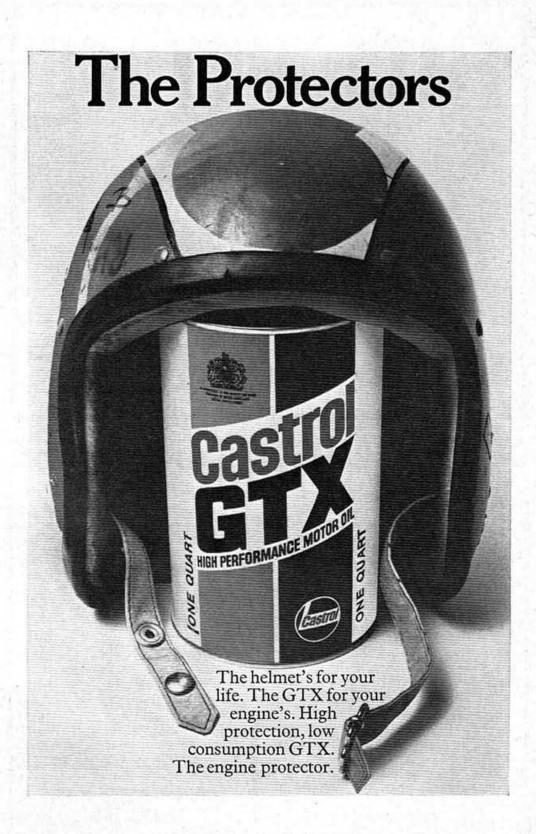
Entrant - Lawton & Wilson, Ltd.

1967

General Classification: P. H. Tait & R. Gould (649 Triumph) 79.15 mph Entrant - P. H. Tait 750 cc Class: J. Dunphy & R. Pickrell 78.86 mph (649 Triumph) Entrant - Comerfords 500 cc Class: G. Penny & T. Dunnell 72.10 mph (347 Honda) Entrant - Read Brothers (Cycles). Ltd. 250 cc Class: K. Cass & C. Vincent 73.5 mph (247 Suzuki) Entrant - Taggs Motor Cycles

1968

General Classification: D. Nixon & P. Butler (490 Triumph) 75.52 mph Entrant — Boyer of Bromley, Ltd. 750 cc Class: J. Strijbis & R. Harrington (649 Triumph)
Entrant — M. J. T. Whiting
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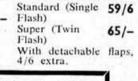
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1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

Overall race leadership and class positions.

£5 Caslake award to race leader.

£25 BSA award to 500 cc class leader.

£10 **Douglas Vespa** award for greatest number of laps between 1 and 2 p.m. by a 250 cc class machine.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Overall race leadership and class positions.

£5 Caslake award to race leader.

£20 Castrol award for greatest number of laps between 2 and 3 p.m. by a 500 cc class machine.

3 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Overall race leadership and class positions.

£5 Caslake award to race leaders.

£10 **Shell Mex & B.P.** award for greatest number of laps between 3 and 4 p.m. by a 250 cc class machine.

£25 Triumph private owner award — 750 cc class.

£20 Shell Mex & B.P. private owner award — 500 cc class.

£10 Castrol private owner award — 250 cc class.

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Overall race leadership and class positions.

£10 Everoak mechanics award — 750 cc class.

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L. Stevens Ltd.

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GRAHAM DICKSON (28)

A mechanic of New Zealand.

Second Driver

NEIL KELLY (32)

A motor cycle dealer of Peel, Isle of Man.

3. 1969 SUZUKI T20 Super Six 247 cc

Entered by

T. Loughridge.

First Driver

THOMAS LOUGHRIDGE (29)

An engineering representative of Birmingham.

Second Driver

PATRICK WALSH (over 21)

An electrical engineer of Birmingham

1967 SUZUKI T20 Super Six 247 cc

Entered by

R. Bisbey.

First Driver

Second Driver

ROYDEN BISBEY (31) A metallurgist of Walsall.

BRIAN RICHARDS (31)

A sales representative of Ulverston.

1968 SUZUKI T20 Super Six 247 cc

· Entered by

P. Hogervorst.

First Driver

PETRUS HOGERVORST (38) A mechanic of Volkel, Holland.

Second Driver

RONALD VINGERHOED (26)

A mechanical controller of Amsterdam, Holland.

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Second Driver PETER COURTNEY (23)

A service representative of Croydon.

8. 1968 BSA STARFIRE 247 cc

Entered by Gander & Gray Ltd.

First Driver JOHN BLANCHARD (26)

A plumber of Rainham.

Second Driver WILLIAM DAY (28)

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9. 1965 YAMAHA YDS3 246 cc

Entered by E. T. Pitt.

First Driver ERNEST PITT (28)

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Second Driver CHRISTOPHER BOND (27)

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10. 1968 OSSA SPORTS 231 cc

Entered by Windsor Comp. Shop.

First Driver BRIAN HUNTER (21)

A contract builder of Slough.
Second Driver TREVOR BURGESS (25)

A sewing machine mechanic of Audenshaw.

11. 1968 DUCATI MACH 1 248 cc

Entered by C. Luton.

First Driver CYRIL LUTON (29)

A building contractor of Bristol.

Second Driver DAVID GLADWIN (22)

A machine tool fitter of Bristol.

12. 1969 DUCATI MACH 3 248 cc

Entered by G. Hunter.

First Driver MICHAEL SAMWAYS (35)

A company director of Southampton.

Second Driver GRAHAM HUNTER (34)

A motor mechanic of Southampton.

14. 1965 DUCATI MACH 1 248 cc

Entered by C. P. Thompsett.

First Driver CLIVE THOMPSETT (36)

An instrument maker of Wallington.

Second Driver RONALD BAYLIE (28)

An architectural draughtsman of Crawley.

15. 1969 DUCATI MACH 3 248 cc

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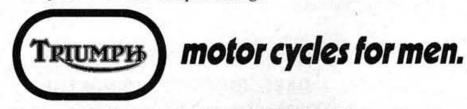


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Second Driver

TOM DICKIE (27)

A universal miller of Staines.

17. 1967 VELOCETTE THRUXTON 499 cc

Entered by

Fred Hanks Motor Cycles.

First Driver

JOHN BARROW (23)

A development engineer of Sutton Coldfield.

Second Driver

MARTIN POWELL (21)

A service engineer of Cannock.

18. 1965 VELOCETTE VENOM 499 cc

Entered by

D. A. May.

First Driver

DAVID MAY (24)

An assurance agent of Farnborough.

Second Driver

DAVID PEARCE (23)

A welder of Farnborough.

19. 1969 KAWASAKI MACH III 498 cc

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First Driver

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Second Driver

WILLIAM PENNY (29)

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20. 1965 NORTON 88 SS 497 cc

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Second Driver

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21. 1968 SUZUKI COBRA 492 cc

Entered by Jack Browning.

First Driver DAVE BROWNING (24)

A driver of Cheltenham.

Second Driver GRANT GIBSON (26)

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22. 1968 SUZUKI COBRA 492 cc

Entered by Harrow Motor Cycles Ltd.

First Driver ADRIAN COOPER (29)

A plasterer of Dunstable.

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23. 1969 SUZUKI COBRA 492 cc

Entered by Chris Lawrence Racing.

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24. 1967 BSA B44 R 441 cc

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First Driver CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS (31)

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25. 1967 BSA B44 441 cc

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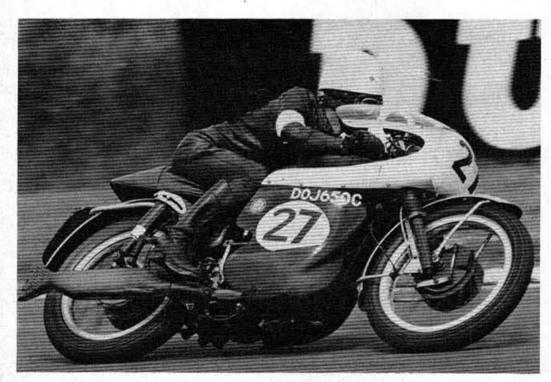
Above: Pit stops are always a feature of the event. Here Bill Ivy hands the petrol quick-filler to John Cooper during the 1966 event.

by Motor Cycle sports editor **Mick Woollett**

NORTON are back! For years the big twins from the Woolwich factory dominated the "Motor Cycle's" marathon race for sports machines. Entered by Southampton dealer Syd Lawton, they were outright, hat-trick winners from 1962 to 1964.

Then, as the Associated Motor Cycles organisation broke up, Norton interest declined. Now they are in with a bang under the Norton Villiers flag.

Below: The spirit of the race is epitomised in this shot of John Barrow in action on a 500 cc Velocette during last year's race.





Main spearhead of their attack will be two factory-prepared 750 cc Com-mandos, the ultra-smooth sports bikes with the engine, gear box and rear-fork pivot rubber-mounted in the frame.

One will be entered by Tom Arter, the other by Norton specialists, Gus Kuhn Motors. The Arter bike is to be ridden by Peter Williams, now working as a draughtsman at the Woolwich factory. Peter is the son of former AMC race chief, Jack Williams. His partner is Tony Godfrey.

Tony is a past winner - he shared the first-place 650 cc Triumph Bonneville with John Holder in 1961. It is great to see him back on a really first-class bike after some years of bad

The Gus Kuhn machine will be handled by short-circuit aces Dave David Nixon on his way to victory last year when he shared the winning Boyer of Bromley 500 cc Triumph with Peter Butler.

Croxford and Mick Andrew, a pairing certain to make the sparks fly.

A third Commando, privately prepared, will be raced by Ron Wittich and Tony Melody, two top-notch riders who should provide strong backing for the works effort as the battle with Triumph and BSA hots up.

It promises to be a thrilling struggle. Triumph are fielding three 650 cc Bonnevilles, while BSA pin their hopes to a couple of 650 cc Lightnings.

Two of the Bonnevilles are factoryentered and will be raced by Percy Tait, with Malcolm Uphill as co-rider,



Above: A tense moment as the riders sprint across the track to their bikes. They must kick-start, no push-starts are allowed. Below: BSA battle as Hugh Evans on a 500 cc twin leads Tony Smith on a factory 650 cc Spitfire around Druids during last year's race at Brands Hatch.





Above: A heroic performance was put up last year by Alan Peck who rode a 441 cc BSA single-handed when his codriver failed to arrive.

and by John Cooper teamed with Steve Jolly.

The third factory Triumph is entered by Paul Dunstall, whose 750 cc Dunstall went so well in last year's race. This Triumph will be ridden by Ray Pickrell and Rex Butcher.

Out of luck in recent years, BSA have not won the race since 1957 when a 350 cc Gold Star outpaced the field. This had happened the year before, and in 1955, when the race was longer, running for nine hours instead of 500 miles, a BSA Gold Star five-hundred led the way. But in 1958, the over-500 cc bikes began their run of successes.

This year BSA have a tremendously good chance. Tony Smith and Pat Mahoney are handling their number-one bike, with support from Alan Barnett and Steve Spencer on the second factory mount entered by one of racing's most famous sponsors, Tom Kirby.

Spice is added to the big class by the first racing appearance on a British circuit of a three-cylinder 750 cc Triumph Trident, one of the new generation of super-high-performance bikes built for the American market.

A private venture, though the Meriden factory are certain to be keeping a close watch on it, the Trident is to be ridden by veteran Rex Avery, a past



An anxious moment in 1967 as sponsor Geoff Dodkin strives to get his 500 cc Velocette running again.

winner, and by production-racing expert, Colin Dixon.

So the battle for honours is certain to be hectic. But last year a five-hundred came through to win as the bigger bikes fell by the wayside one after another.

The winners then were Peter Butler and David Nixon on the Boyer of Bromley Daytona Triumph. They are back this year, and will start favourites to win the strongly supported 500 cc class.

A stern challenge is certain to come from the ever-growing two-stroke brigade, with three Suzuki Cobras plus one of the sensational new threecylinder Kawasakis, the bike for which the makers claim a power output of 60 bhp in road trim.

All this heavy metal will make it tough indeed for the two-fifty men, yet it is worth remembering that last year a Stevens-entered 250 cc Suzuki ridden by Rhodesian Gordon Keith and Brian Ball finished second. Sheer reliability and ease of handling can make the smaller bikes competitive.

As always, the race today is restricted to same-as-you-can-buy sports machines. Some minor modifications are allowed, mainly in the interests of ensuring that the bikes are safe for racing, but all

changes have to be declared to the organisers before the start.

If the history interests you, the results of the previous races will be found elsewhere in the programme. Founded by the Southampton Club, who are running today's event, the meeting was first held here at Thruxton in 1955.

Because of the poor condition of the surface, the venue was Castle Combe in 1965, and to Brands Hatch the following year. Two more 500-milers were held at the Kent track, but now a move has been made back to the original home—on the new circuit, which is far superior to the earlier concrete runways and perimeter roads of the airfield.



Left: Colourful character Alan Baker in action on the Boyer of Bromley Triumph Bonneville during the 1968 race.

Below: Despite having to kick-start, the field is tightly bunched as it thunders into Paddock Hill Bend at Brands Hatch last year.





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43. 1966 TRIUMPH T120 BONNEVILLE 649 cc

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A garage owner of Southampton.

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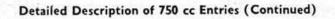
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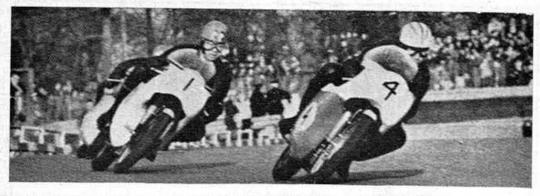
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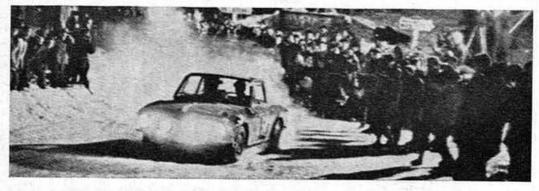
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52. 1967 TRIUMPH T120 BONNEVILLE 649 cc

Entered by

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First Driver

PERCY TAIT (39)

A motor cycle tester of Coventry.

Second Driver

MALCOLM UPHILL (29)

A fitter of Caerphilly.

53. 1969 TRIUMPH T120 BONNEVILLE 649 cc

Entered by

Triumph Engineering Co. Ltd.

First Driver

JOHN COOPER (31)

A garage proprietor of Derby.

Second Driver

STEPHEN JOLLY (25)

A racing motor cyclist of Leek.

54. 1967 BSA SPITFIRE MARK II 654 cc

Entered by

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ANTHONY SMITH (26)

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Second Driver PATI

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A racing motor cyclist of Crayford.

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Entered by

Tom Kirby Motor Cycles Ltd.

First Driver

ALAN BARNETT (24)

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STEPHEN SPENCER (28)

A racing motor cyclist of Birmingham.

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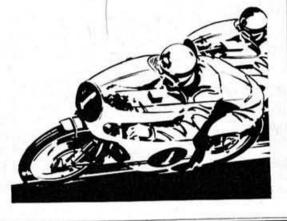
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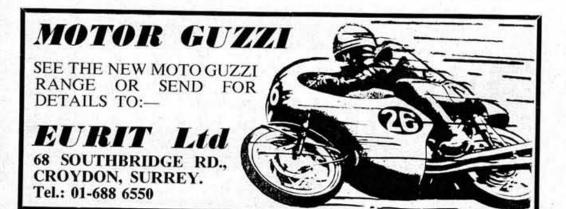
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LAP TIME	SPEED	LAP TIME	SPEED	LAP TIME	SPEED	LAP TIME	SPEED	LAP TIME	SPE
м. s.	м.р.н.	м. s.	м.р.н.	M. S.	м.р.н.	м. s.	м.р.н.	м. s.	M.P.
1 10	121.17	1 24	100.97	1 38	86,55	1 52	75.73	2 06	67.
.2	120.82 120.48	.2	100.73 100.49	.2	86.37	1 52 .2	75.59	.2	67.2 67.2
.6	120.14	.6	100.49	.6	86.20 86.02	.4	75.46		67.1
1 11.8	119.80	.6 .8 1 25 .2 .4 .6	100,02	.8	85.85	.8	75.33 75.19	.6	67.0
.2	119.46	1 25	99.78 99.55	1 39	85.67 85,50	1 53	75.06	2 07	66.
.2	118 79	.4	99.32	.4	85.33	.2	74.93 74.79	.2	66.
.6	118.46	.6	99.08	.6	85.16	.2 .4 .6	74 66	.6	66.
1 12	117.80	.1 26	98,85 98,62	1 40	84.99 84.82	8	74.53 74.40	.8	66.
.2	117.47	.2	98.39	.2	84.65	1 34	74.40	2 08	66.
.4	117.15	.1 26 .2 .4 .6	98.17 97.94	.4	84.48	.6 1 54 2 .2 .4 .6	74.14	.2	66.0
-8	116.83 116.51	1 27.8 1 27.4 .6	97.71	.6 .8	84.31 84.14	.6	74.01	.6	65.8
1 13	116.19	1 27	97.49 97.27	1 41	83.98	1 55	73.88 73.75	2 09.8	65.7
.4	116.19 115.87 115.55	.2	97.27	.2	18.68	1 55 1 55 .2 .4 .6	73.62	.2	65.6
.6	115.24	.6	96.82	6 1	83.64 83.48	.4	73.50	.6	65.5
1 14.8	114.93	20.8	96.60	U	83.32	.8	73.37 73.24	.8	65.4
1 14	114.62 114.31	.6 .8 1 28 .2 .4 .6 .8	96.38 96.16	1 42.0	83.15 82.99	1 56 .2 .4	73.12	2 10	65.2
.6	114,00 113,69 113,39	.4	95.95	.4	82.83	4	72.99	.2	65.0
.0	113.69	.6	95.73	.0	82.67 82.51	0.	72.87 72.74	.6	64.9
1 15.8	1 113 09 1	1 29.0	95.51 95,30	1 43	82.51	1 57.8	77 67	88	64.8
.2	112.79 112.49	1 29 .2 .4 .6	95,09	.2	82.19	1 57	72.49	- 2 11	64.7
.6	112.49	.4	94.87	.4	82.03	.4	72.25	.4	64.5
. 8	111.89	. 8 1	94.66 94.45	.6	81.87	.6	72.49 72.37 72.25 72.12 72.00	.6	64.4
1 16	111.60 111.31 111.02	1 30 1	94.24	1 44.0	81.55	1 58	71.88	2 12.8	64.3
.4	111.31	.2	94.03 93.82	.2	81.40	.2	71,76	2 12	64.1
6	110.73	.2 .4 .6	93.62	.4	81.24 81.09	.6	71.64 71.51	.6	64.0
1 17 .2 .4	110.44 110.15	.8	93.41	.8	80.93	.8	71.39	8	63.9
	109.87	1 31	93.20 93.00	1 45	80.78	1 59	71.27	2 13	63.8
.4	109.58	.2 .4 .6	92.80	.2 .4 .6	80.62 80.47	.2	71.15 71.04	.2	63.6
-	109.30 109.02	.6	92.59 92.39	.6	80.32	.6	70.92	.6	63.4
1 18.8	108.74	1 32.8	92.39		71.08	2 00.8	70.80	8	63.4
.2	108.46	1 32	91.99	.2	80.02 79.86	2 00	70.68 70.56	2 14	63.3
1 19 2	108.18	.4	91,79	1 46° .2 .4 .6	79.71	.4	70.45	2 14	63.2
.8	107.63	.8	91.59 91.40	.8	79.56	,6	70.33		63.0
1 19	107.36	1 77 1	91.20	1 47	79.27	2 01.8	70.21 70.10	2 15.8	62.9 62.8
.2	107.09 106.82	.2	91.00	1 .47	79.12	.2	69,98	2 15	62,7
.6	106.55	.6	90.81 90.62	.6	78.97 78.83		69.86	4	62.6
20.8	106.29	8.2.	90.42	.8	78.68	.8	69.75	.8	62.5
.2	106.02 105.76	1 34	90.23 90.04	1 48	78.53	2 02	69.52	2 16	62.3
.2	105.49	.2	89.85	.2	78.39 78.24	4	69.41	1.2	62.2
.6	105.23 104.97	6	90 66	.6	78.10	2 02 .2 .4 .6	69,29 69,18	2 16 2 16 2 .4 .6	62.09
21	104.71	1 35	89.47 89.28 89.09 88.91 88.72	1 49.8	77,96 77,81 77,67 77,53	2 03.8	69.07	8	62,00
.2 .4 .6	104.45	.2	89.09	,2	77.67	2 03 2	68.96 68.84		61.91
.4	104,20 103.94	.4	88.91	.4	77.53	.2 .4 .6	68.73	.4	61.82
.8	103.69	.6	88.53	.0	77.39 77.25	.6	68.62	.6	61.64
22		1 36	88.35	1 50	77 11	2 04	68.51 68.40	2 18	61.55
.2 .4 .6	103.18 102.93	.2	88.17 87.98	.2 .4 .6 .8	76.97 76.83	.2	68.29	.2	61.37
.6	102.68	.6	87,80	:6	76.83 76.69	.4	68.18	.4	61.28
72	102.43	.8	87.62	.8	76.55	.2 .4 .6 .8	68.0.º 67.96	.6	61.19 61.11
23	102.19	1 37	87.44 87.26	1 51	76.41	2 05	67.85	2 19 1	61.02
.2 .4 .6 .8	A	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	87.08	.2 .4 .6 .8	76.27 76.14	.4 .6 .8	67.74 67.64	.2	60.93
.6	101.45	.6	86.90	.6	76.00	.6	67.53	.4	60.84 60.76
.0	101.21	.8	86.72	.8	75.86	.8	67,42	.8	60.67

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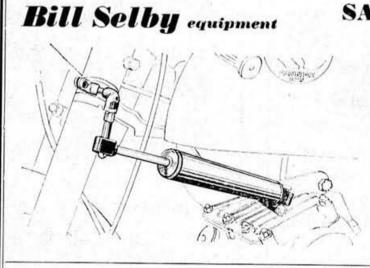
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