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Things are really looking up this spring for the classic bike scene! Be sure to check out the upcoming events; especially the 44th JAMPOT Rallye in New York. Gilmore car Museum (info@gilmorecarmuseum.org) in Michigan is having its annual event on June 12-13. Bigger and better every year. The Centreville, AMCA Michigan Meet (www.wolverineamca.com) is on May 23.

I hope to see some of you there!



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For Sale...1937 AJS Model 26. 350cc dual port head. Machine is more than 95% complete and together although not finished. Engine has all new components with correct parts. Gearbox is correct. Wheels need new rims and spokes but are complete as is. Frame was stripped and painted. Gas tank is absolutely perfect. Have parts and overhaul manual. I have spent over 15 years accumulating the correct parts for this bike. Send \$5.00 for set of photographs. I will crate at my expense, buyer responsible for shipping. \$4,500.00 firm, no deals or trades.

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Bits & Pieces

by John Diederich



Do you ever think about those bikes you had a chance to buy but didn't? I've had several experiences, including with an acquaintance of mine who wanted to sell his 1967 Velocette Thruxton in the rare silver blue color. The owner wanted \$4500.00 and I offered \$4000. This was back in the mid to late 1980s. The bike was still fitted with the GP carburetor and started first kick for me. That should have been a signal from somewhere. We negotiated with lots of counter offers but he wouldn't come off his \$4500.00 price. I walked at \$4250.00.

What's the bike worth now? \$20000.00, \$25000.00 ?, who knows. They seldom reach the market in this condition. I think the actual mileage on this unrestored bike was under 2000 miles. I still kick myself!



Rick Taylor Membership Chairman



A Word About Membership

New membership forms are on the website. Renewal time is near, and you can renew or join in several ways!

USA membership is available through Rick Taylor, our membership chairman.

Canadian memberships available through Mike Partridge - Canadian Coordinator.

"Overseas" and other countries contact Rick Taylor.

Anywhere in the World - eMail: Newsletter contact Rick Taylor.

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a letter to the editor from Art Chase ...

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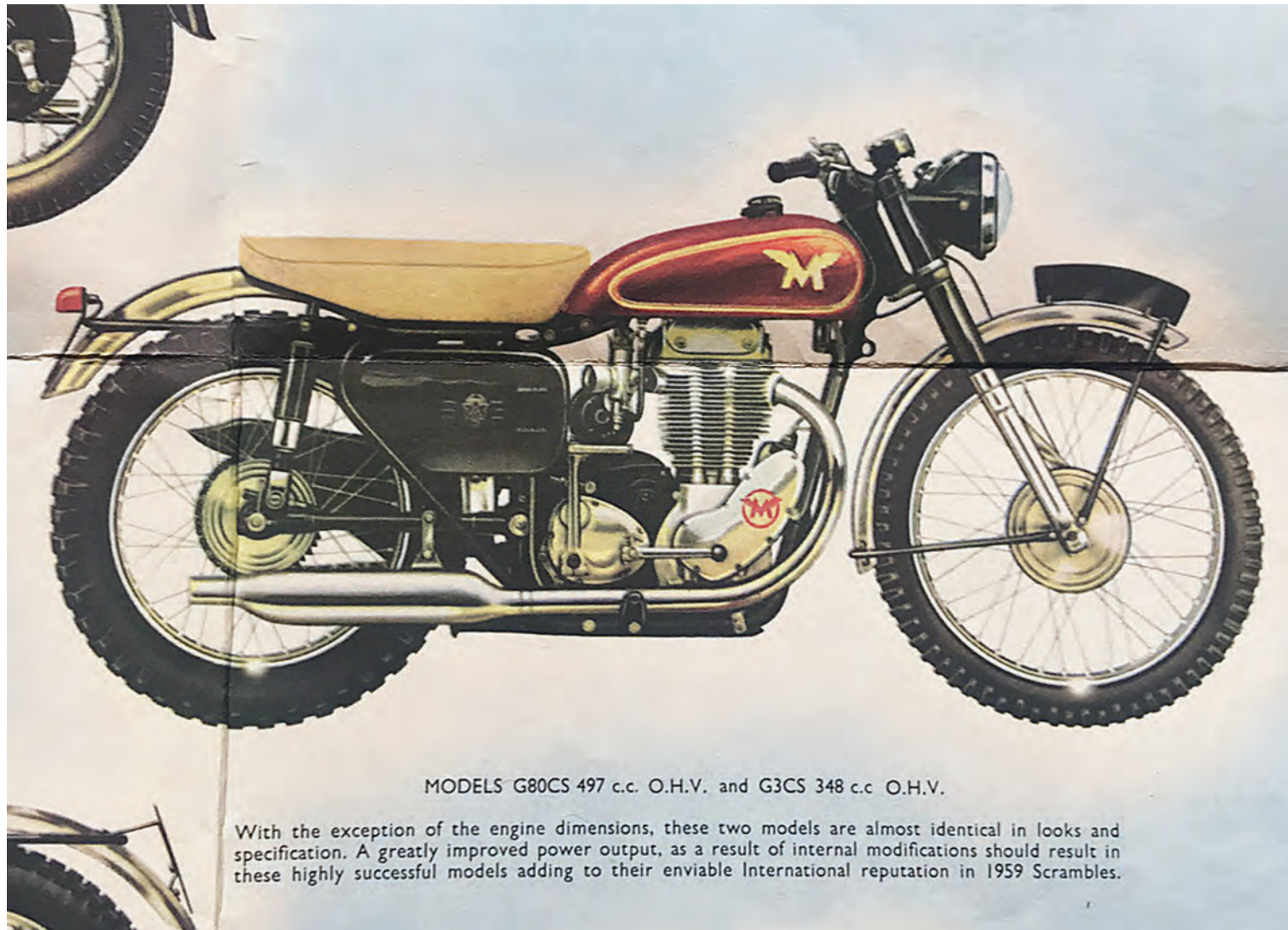
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I really don't know where to begin . I started riding mo-
 torcycles in the 1950s. I lived in the rural area east of Gresh-
 am which is east of Portland, Oregon. I had a BSA to begin
 with, rode mostly off-road. One of the guys I rode with was
 a renowned machinist by the name of Leroy Lekberg. Leroy
 rode a 1957 Matchless G80CS. Leroy let me ride his bike
 for a short distance one day; I decided I wanted a Matchless!
 We rode bike's into Portland one day in 1960 to check out
 the new Typhoon, but the dealer didn't have any; but he had
 a used 1959 Typhoon. Leroy said, "this is the 34 cu. in. they
 made in 1959 only." I traded my BSA and still have it!

Here are some stats: 1959 only TCS bore - 87.25 mm -
 stroke - 93.5 mm - thirtyfour cubic inches. 1960 and up TCS
 bore - 89mm - stroke 96 mm - thirtyseven cubic inches
 Art

Stroke 93.5 MM Stroke 96 MM
 34 cu in 37 cu in



MODELS G80CS 497 c.c. O.H.V. and G3CS 348 c.c. O.H.V.

With the exception of the engine dimensions, these two models are almost identical in looks and specification. A greatly improved power output, as a result of internal modifications should result in these highly successful models adding to their enviable International reputation in 1959 Scrambles.

Although not listed in the 1959 brochure, the TCS was like the G80CS but with larger stroke and bore

The Magnificent
MATCHLESS
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FULL 1959 PROGRAMME

For your guidance . . .

Both 250cc. models are finished in black with hand lined cardinal red petrol tanks and polished engine covers.
 All standard road models of 350cc. and upwards are finished in black and chromium with hand lining.
 The Sportstwins are fitted with polished aluminium mudguards and cardinal red tanks and tool box. Chromium plated fork covers, etc. are available as an optional extra.
 All road models are fitted with deep section one piece mudguards of new and pleasing design.
 New large capacity petrol tanks are included in the specification of all road twins.
 An optional two-tone finish in Arctic white and black with chromium plated tank panels is available for all standard models at small extra charge.
 Quickly detachable wheels and chromium plated tank panels are available as optional extras on all standard models and are included in the specification of all de-luxe twin cylinder models.
 The Sportstwins are the only Competition models fitted with electric lighting as standard. The CS. model is equipped with a quickly detachable headlamp and the CSR. model with the normal large headlamp.

MODEL G3 347 c.c. O.H.V.
The ideal all purpose motor for the rider who requires a model that provides the performance of a large machine with the economy of a lightweight.

MODEL G12C 497 c.c. O.H.V. TWIN
The Scramble version of the 497 c.c. Twin. A model that has entered an unprecedented list of records during an experimental season in cross country speed events in the U.S.A.

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 to Present the
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MATCHLESS MODELS
for 1959

This year sees the world famous Matchless marque available in eye appealing two-tone colours that emphasize more than ever the superb craftsmanship that goes into every motorcycle produced by the Matchless factory.

From the sleek new high performance 250cc. Clubman to the 650cc. version of the Sportstwin that made history by covering 103 miles in one hour with full equipment, the greatly extended 1959 Matchless range caters for the most diverse tastes and the requirements of the discriminating enthusiast.

Whether interest lies in a scintillating "250" or a lusty 650cc. Twin, dignified lustrous black enamel, or the optional two-tone coloured finish, a 500cc. or a 650cc. road twin to a standard or de-luxe specification or one of the special single or twin cylinder competition models, the finest attributes of British engineering skill will be found in each of the outstanding models illustrated and described in this catalogue.





1962 G12CS with Dee Thomas

Story and photographs from Jim Thomas

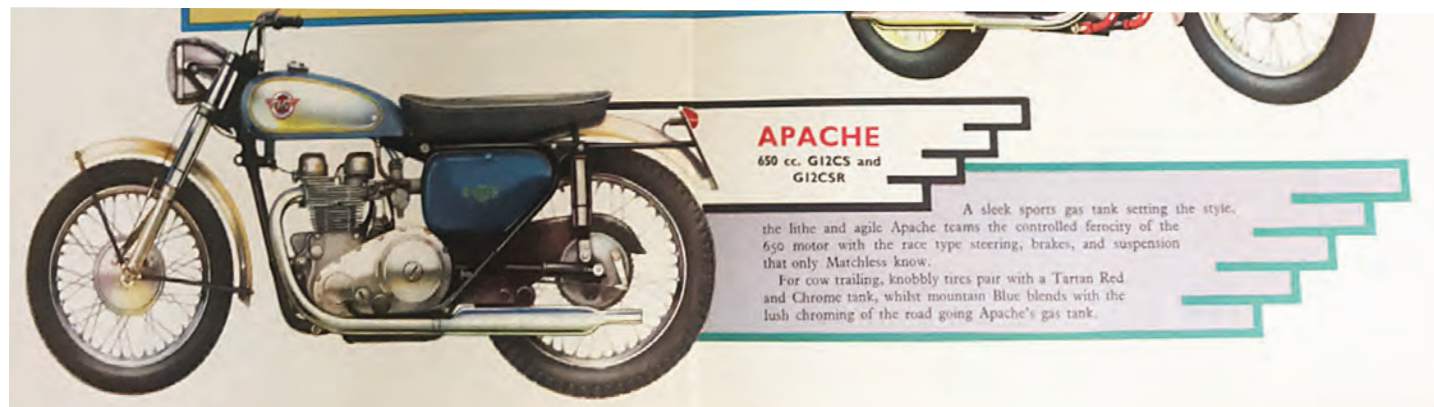
I found this 1962 matchless G 12 CS in California about 20 years ago. It was in fairly complete condition although needed a total restoration. I already had a few CSR Matchless bikes but always wanted a CS. There's certainly not much difference between the two except numbers and the competition foot rests and probably most came with the two into one exhaust pipes.

The engine was surprisingly good inside although it needed all of the usual stuff like new pistons valves etc. I magnafluxed the Crankshaft and it checked out okay. I ordered new stainless rims and spokes and laced them up and trued them I find it cheaper to

buy brand new ones than sending them out for plating. Platers usually grind the letters and numbers out anyway and also grind down the wheels so much that the spokes pull through when you tighten them.

The magneto was rebuilt and a new wiring loom was installed. I needed a new seat and fenders which is usually the case every time I restore one. I buy all my Matchless stuff from Walridge motors in Canada. Mike Partridge is very knowledgeable about Matchless and AJS and usually has all of the parts.

After I finished the bike I rode it and made all the necessary adjustments then drained it and put it away.





Matchless 1962 G12CS



1962 G12CS 650cc



Dee Thomas

Dee Thomas, my wife for 40 years, sitting on my 1962 Matchless G12 CS that I recently finished restoring. This is one of her favorite Matchless in my collection.
Jim Thomas

Jim's wife, Dee appeared in the JAMPOT as a JAMPOT LASS three years ago



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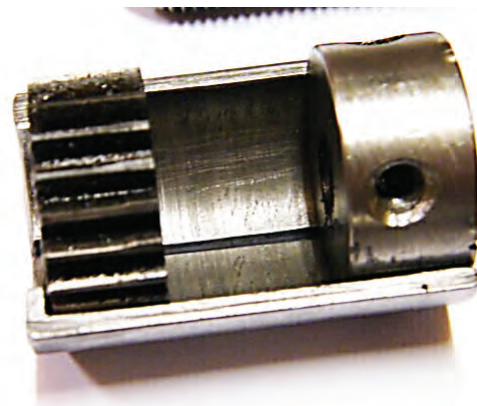
I made this puller after I had seen a sketch somewhere. Using it for my Matchless's T's and R's (1925 – 1930).

Took me 10 hours to construct on the lathe, etc, 10 minutes to build up and 10 secs to release the pinion

Can use it with all 4 hooks or 3 and even 2 depending on how much space there is at the bottoms of the pinion.

Hope this helps some of you.

Bert van 't Land - NL



We need more AJS and Matchless Motorcycles at

The 44th Annual JAMPOT VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE RALLYE 2021

British Motorcycle Festival

June 17 to 20

Blackthorne Resort, Weldon House,



East Durham, NY



www.jampotrallye.org

I sincerely hope you and your family are in good health. Most of us haven't seen our JAMPOT brother & sisters in two years. Hopefully, by June, most people will be vaccinated, restrictions will be lifted and borders will open. Everyone is itching to get out, ride and SOCIALIZE WITH FRIENDS!!!

You are invited to come to the longest running annual British motorcycle event in the US, the JAMPOT Rallye. We will have exclusive use of the Blackthorne Resort Weldon House private hotel and campsite away from the main resort. The entry fees remain the same at \$70 for the weekend which covers the rally souvenir, Friday BBQ, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast at Blackthorne, drinks and snacks. Hotel rooms are \$75 (sleeps 2) and camping is 15\$ per night.

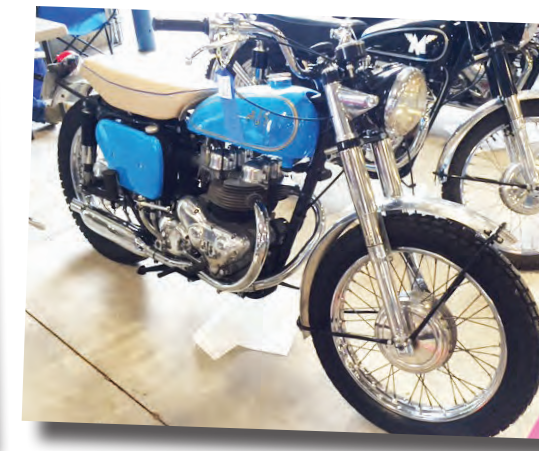
The Rallye begins on Thursday for early-bird arrivals and officially kicks off Friday with a lunch ride led by the Kahuna. Friday evening All JAMPOT Socializers can enjoy a relaxing Welcome Wagon BBQ of Matchless quality prepared by our world class volunteers. The Saturday Modern, Classic and Dirt Rides will cruise through the awesome roads of the Catskill Mountains. Saturday evening dinner will be followed by the raffle (please bring a raffle donation). Sunday breakfast is at Blackthorne Restaurant.

Visit our web site at www.jampotrallye.org where you will find information on accommodations and pictures of previous rallyes.

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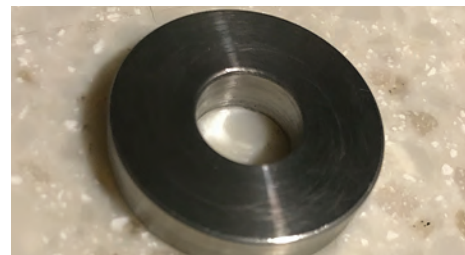
MU42 headlight seals! \$25 each free shipping



023146 cage nut for chain guard and seat mounts \$5.00



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I am having some 2' x 8' AJS Matchless club banners made. Heavy vinyl with brass eyelets. \$100 each. Great for shows, swap meets or garage! Rick Taylor mail@ajsmatchless.com

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 NOS Lucas E3N-L1 dynamos \$425.00 each
 NOS Lucas 31340 Headlight switch \$50.00

Ex Military stock from South Africa my cousin found.
 Looking for all Lucas mag and dyo spares.

By midsummer, I'll be set up to rebuild Singles Magnets, dynamo's and wheels in Michigan when my move is complete.

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A complete listing of all **AHRMA** events scheduled in the United States and Canada can be obtained from **AHRMA** www.ahrma.org or at 910-253-8012

Wanted: 1948 or 1949 G80C crankcases
 Rick Taylor mail@ajsmatchless.com

New tin-ware, racks, anti-sump device and magneto end covers with kill button/anti wet-sump valve ground connection available from
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