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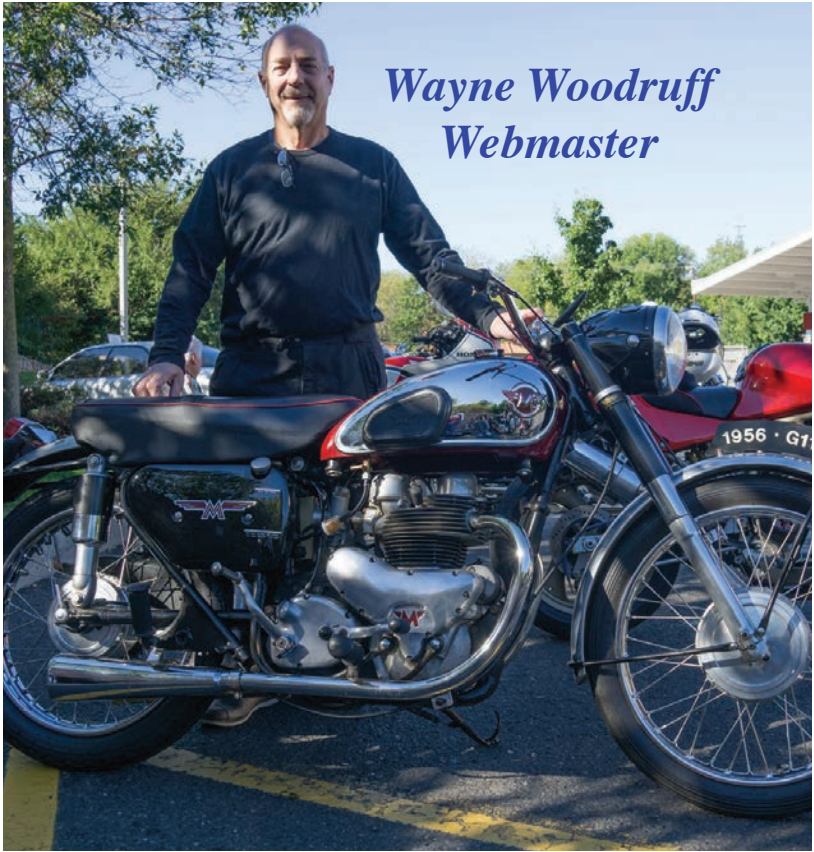


John Diederich - Secretary

Bits&Pieces

I mentioned in the last issue of Matchless News that I'd have more news in the next and final issue of 2017. The news is: Rick Taylor, brother of our parts inventory keeper Lyndon Taylor, has agreed to take over much of my administrative duties starting with renewals for 2018 and all the paperwork associated with that. Rick has some progressive plans on simplifying the renewal process and will be telling you about that shortly. In the meantime, this is a huge relief for me! Thanks Rick, and thanks Lyndon. I'll help in any way I can.

We haven't had an increase in dues since 2009 when we raised the dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per year. Unfortunately our printing and postage costs continue to increase. We really don't have much choice in the matter, so effective January of 2018 our US dues will increase to \$25.00 per year, while our Canadian dues will increase from \$25.00 per year to \$30.00 per year. I hope you all understand the need for this increase.



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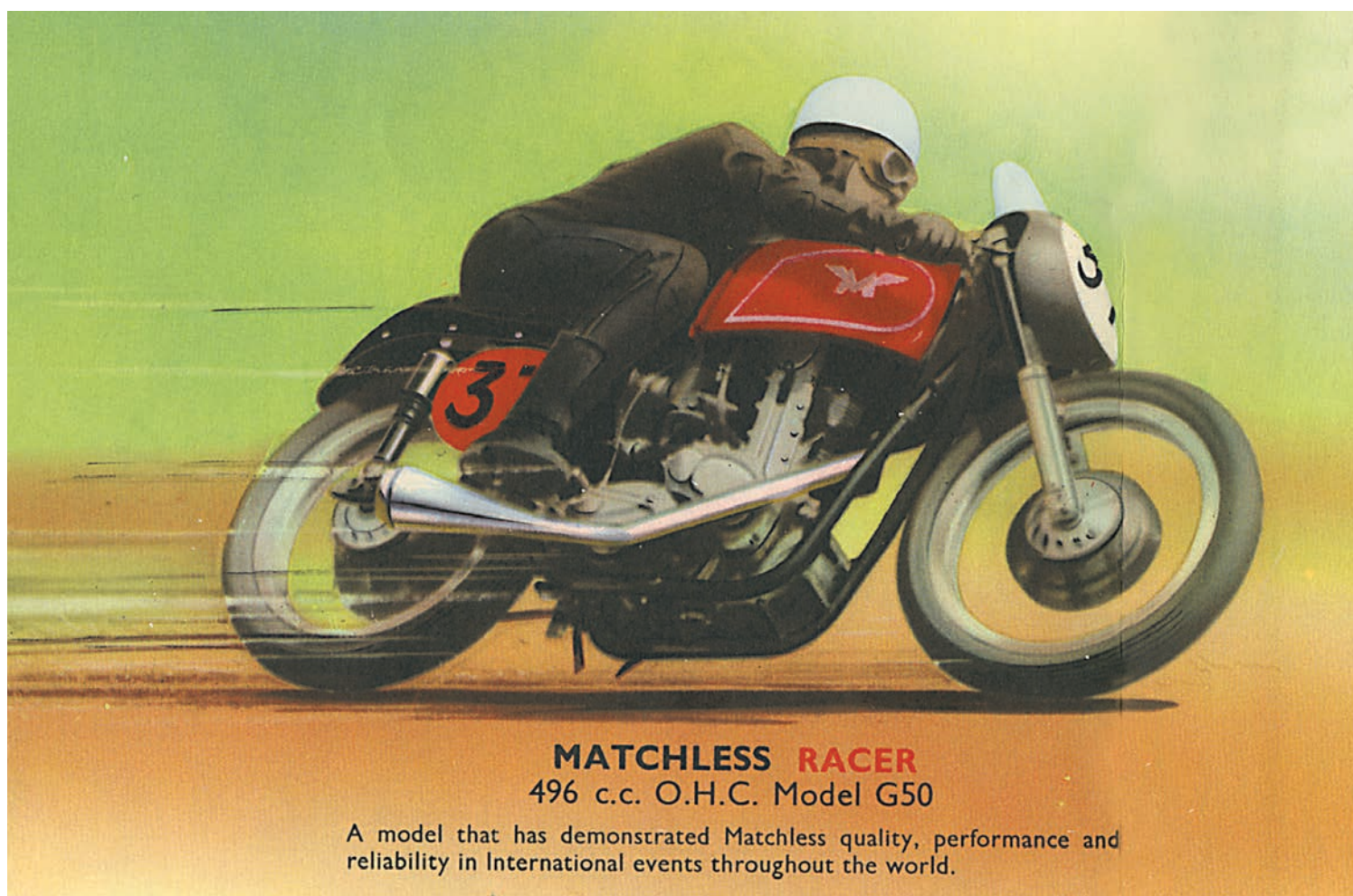


Battle of the Brits MI



Wauseon Ohio





1961 MATCHLESS G50 ROAD RACER

This Matchless G50 Road Racer was ordered directly from the factory in 1961 by Jim McIlvena, the proprietor of Mac's Motorcycles in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. It was acquired in August 1961 by John "Pot" Fox, who had previously raced a B.S.A. Gold Star.



Signed photograph of "Pot" Fox wearing the traditional headdress after winning the 1966 Indian Summer Race at Mosport Park.



"Pot" Fox competing at Mosport Park during one of his many appearances at the track.

"Pot" immediately took the G50 to Mosport Park for its first outing and then to Watkins Glen, New York and Connecticut's Thompson Raceway for the end of season races in the USA.

In the following years from 1962 through 1966, "Pot" raced the bike in Ontario at Mosport Park, St. Eugene Airport and Harewood Acres and in Quebec at Victoriaville and Mt. Tremblant and also made numerous ventures in the USA to Watkins Glen.

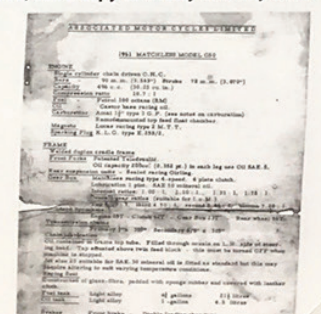
His most successful season was 1966 when he won the 125 Mile Race at Mt. Tremblant and the Indian Summer Races at Mosport Park; his last race.

In the time following "Pot's" retirement the G50 changed hands before being stored for 40 years. It is original and has retained Engine/Gearbox/Frame Number 61G50 1786.

Many thanks to "Pot" Fox for his enthusiastic assistance in preparing this history.....he is now 88 years young.



A copy of the front cover of the original 1961 G50 Matchless Owner's Manual (2 printed sheets stapled together). Also, see a copy of a tatty and oily sheet 1.





1961 Matchless G50



Barber Vintage Festival



Membership Renewal!



Rick Taylor

Lyndon Taylor

John Diederich’s “Bits and Pieces” article for this month has stated that some changes are on the way for club administrative duties.

As John has pointed out, my brother Lyndon has agreed to take over the handling of our club parts inventory from John. Lyndon has some great ideas on ordering parts from our inventory and even possibly expanding some inventory items. Many of you already know Lyndon as he has been a club member since 1985 and has been active in the hobby since the 1960’s. Lyndon has a great deal of knowledge when it comes to the Plumstead machines and is willing to help club members in any way that he can.

Lyndon and I were exposed to the Matchless marque at an early age as our brother Lawrence Taylor (a very early member of our club) was a Matchless dealer in Tipton Oklahoma in the mid 1960’s. One of the early machines that found its way to our Iowa farm was a 1954 G9B that we assembled in our farmhouse kitchen for our brother Steve as a Christmas present.

In addition to Lyndon’s parts duty, I have agreed to take over some administrative duties for John in helping with membership recruiting, retention and renewal. Much of this is behind the scenes paperwork that will be un-noticed by membership, but some of the noticeable changes will be in the form of renewal offers and payment options available for members to renew membership. I am hoping to become more “automated” and with the help of John Posthuma, and others, reduce some mailing cost for membership renewals.

John D. has already broken the “bad” news in that the annual membership has gone to \$25.00 for US members and \$30.00 for our Canadian members. This is driven entirely by printing and

postage costs.

Having said that, my feelings are that our club newsletter is still one of the best bargains to be had in the motorcycle hobby. The newsletter is interesting, informative and packed with color pictures. The classified section is available to members at no charge and (IMHO) being underused by members. There are MANY members in our club with spare parts and most are more than willing to help out a club member. In recruiting new members, I have found our newsletter to be the primary reason new members join the club.

I would be remiss at this point if I didn’t put out a huge thank you to John Deiderich for all that he has done for our club. Some of you may not realize, but John took over duties as the newsletter editor in 1985! That is 32 years of service to our club! Incredible! That is real dedication and I can’t say enough in appreciation to John for all his hard work. John you have done a fantastic job.

In closing, we all need to stay committed to our club and the ultimate goal of preserving, maintaining and promoting the Matchless/AJS machines to the extent that we can. If you know of others that would be interested in our club, give them a membership form. ASK them to join our club and point out the benefits of belonging. They do NOT have to own a Matchless or AJS machine to belong. They simply need to have the interest in the make. If they don’t own a machine and wish to find one, there is no better way than our club.

I will have some additional announcements for future club newsletters so stay tuned for more.
Warmest Regards,
Rick Taylor

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AJS and Matchless Owners Club - North American Section 2018 Renewal Form

First Name:	_____	2018 Dues @US\$25.00/CDN\$30.00	\$ _____
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Email address (optional):	_____		

AJS, MATCHLESS & NORTON HYBRID MOTORCYCLES OWNED (OPTIONAL):

The club is attempting to compile a North American AMC manufactured "Motorcycle Register". To help us in that goal we would be grateful if you would consider completing the table below with a list of the AJS, Matchless and Norton hybrid motorcycles you currently own along with the relevant engine number, frame number and transmission number. Please note that the data entered into the table will be used in our Members Handbook unless you specifically request otherwise by checking the appropriate boxes in the last section of the form.

Note: If your frame number begins with a zero, you have the casting #, not the actual frame #. 1946 and later frames start with an A, C or a # from 1 through 9. Check the steering head, or right side of frame under the seat to find the correct numbers.

Key to providing data for the Help 1,2,3 column in the table below:

1. I am willing and able to help members with technical advice on this model
2. I have some spares for sale or trade for this model
3. I can furnish photographs or copies of literature for this model

Year	Make	Model	Engine #	Frame #	Transmission #	Transmission type (CP, B52, AMC?)	Original (Y/N)	Help 1,2,3

All prospective members must COMPLETE this section and validate with a signature

Please check the box if you DO NOT want your motorcycles listed in any future Member's Handbook ☐

Please check the box if you DO NOT want your name/address/phone #'s included in any future Member's Handbook ☐

SIGN HERE → Signature:

Please Return Completed Form with payment to:

**John Diederich
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118 Pointe Harbour Lane, Mooresville, NC 28117**

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Clubman's Calendar

03 Dec (Sun)	BSAOCSC ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
03 Dec (Sun)	NCNOC Christmas Party Ken Armann, 408-455-9388
17 Dec (Sun)	NCNOC "Freeze Ride" Ken Armann, 408-455-9388
31 Dec (Sun)	SCNOC "Run for the Roses" www.socalnorton.com

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Order Form, AJS & Matchless Owners Club Spares Scheme Items and Club Regalia, October 2017

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___	010908/09	Plate, "M" gas tank knee grip, 1946-56, pair	\$20.00	___
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___	015263	Crankcase shield, through 1959 CS	30.00	___
___	015298	Rear number plate bracket, 1953-58 CS models	12.00	___
___	016367	Right toolbox bracket, CS models	20.00	___
___	017099	Battery carrier with strap, 1941-48	50.00	___
___	018652	Chaincase rubber seal for tin chaincase	10.00 *	___
___	021214	Front seat bracket for Dunlop seat	50.00	___
___	021492	Left toolbox bracket, CS models	20.00	___
___	021880	Rear lamp support, for 021881	12.00 *	___
___	021881	Rear number plate, 1955-58 CS models	20.00	___
___	022032	Brake light switch bracket, rear axle, 1955-67	15.00	___
___	022351/52	Timing side ball bearing, 1956-63 CS singles	100.00 *	___
___	022450	Battery carrier with strap, 1956-59 CS sgl & twins	50.00	___
___	022456	Rear fender loop, 1956 CS	50.00	___
___	022461	Chain guard, 1956-on CS	120.00	___
___	023208	Rear fender loop, 1957-59 CS & CSR	50.00	___
___	023626	Speedometer bracket, 1957-60 CS models	20.00 *	___
___	024234	Bridge, rear fender, 1958-59 CS & CSR	50.00	___
___	025183	Tubular toolbox with chrome cap, 1960-62 CS	85.00	___
___	025318	Rear number plate, 1959-62 comp singles & twins	30.00	___
___	026219	Rear fender loop, 1960-62 CS	50.00	___
___	026334	Crankcase shield with brackets, 1960-on CS models	35.00	___
___	026354	Headlight switch bracket, 1960-on CS models	12.00 *	___
___	026466	Battery carrier with cover, 1960-62 CS models	70.00	___
___	026607	Tubular air filter, 1960-62 CS singles	120.00	___
___	027078	Headlight switch cover, '60-on CS sgl & twins, pr	25.00 *	___
___	029427	Rear number plate, 2 holes, for 679 taillight	50.00	___
___	029431	Rear number plate, 1 hole, for 564 taillight	50.00	___
___	029665	Battery carrier with cover, 1963-on CS models	70.00	___
___	029684	Tubular tool box with chrome cap, 1963-on CS sgl	85.00	___
___	029758	Rear number plate bracket	12.00	___
___	029760	Rear number plate, 1963-on CS singles	30.00	___
___	029763	Rear fender loop, 1963-on CS	50.00	___
___	030404	Speedometer bracket, 1963-on	25.00	___
___	030498	Muffler bracket, 1964-on G80CS	25.00	___
___	A00001	Oval number plate, aluminum, 1963-on CS singles	20.00	___

* \$5.00 postage if ordered by itself

Total spares

Shipping in USA

\$20.00

Total incl. Shipping

REGALIA (Regalia prices include postage)

___	AJSMOC chrome badge, 3 1/2 "	\$25.00	___
___	AJSMOC North American Section sew-on patch, 3"	\$25.00	___
___	AJSMOC key fob	\$5.00	___
___	AJSMOC lapel badge, 1"	\$5.00	___
___	AJSMOC window decal	\$2.00	___
___	Clip for attaching chrome badge to front fender bracket	\$20.00	___

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