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John Posthuma - Editor

I hope all is going well with you. This issue has the Stockbridge event and the Barber vintage festival report.

Take a look at the Toronto Show coming up in April! Let's help Carl make this happen!

I have removed the "return service requested" on the back page of the newsletter. We have found this is the reason newsletters aren't getting forwarded to members who go south for the winter!

Please let our Membership Secretary of any changes of address or corrections to your address!

Thank you to all the members who have sent in photographs and stories to the Matchless News! I also wish to thank everyone who works to promote the club and those who help at the events, as well.

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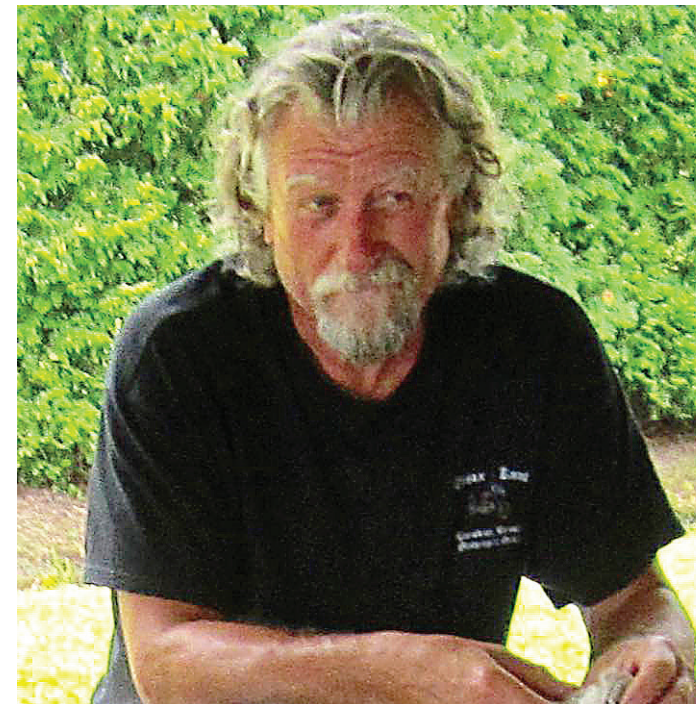
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from Carl Kotevich

Toronto Show!

Canadian Member and AMC enthusiast Carl Kotevich is setting up the Club Stand at the Toronto International Spring Motorcycle Show!

This show promises to be an outstanding event. Let's help Carl and our Club by attending and displaying bikes of the marques! Anything from an AJS Stormer to Matchless and AJS scramblers and more could be there!

For more information and tips on visiting Canada, Call Carl : 519 987 4725

Email: vintagebikeshow@gmail.com

(see Cash for Classics on page 4)

AJS & Matchless Owners Club North American Section
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Stockbridge 2019

Toronto Show - Cash for Classics!

Carl Kotevich is Organizing our Club Stand for this event!

Letter to Mike Partridge, Walridge Motors Ltd. 519 227 4923

Hi Mike - I'm sending this to you as the Canadian contact for the AJS & Matchless owners club. It would be great to get a club presence at the Spring Show! 2020 is coming, and that means the 31st edition of the Toronto International Spring Motorcycle Show, happening April 4 & 5 at the International Centre. After the stunning success of the 2019 'Cash for Classics' competition, where vintage and classic clubs won a total of \$4,300.00, I'm excited to announce the expanded 2020 competition

specifically for Ontario Vintage & Classic Clubs. Last year's competing clubs made such an extraordinary effort that for many people, not only vintage and classic fans but also for the general attending audience, the 'Cash for Classics' displays were the highlight of the 2019 Spring Show!

We understand that last year's competing clubs were able to

sign up a significant number of new members due to their participation in the Show and the 'Cash for Classics' competition.

Please see the attached document outlining our brand new 2020 'Cash for

Classics' competition, and an entry form to register your display. Don't worry if you don't know the number of bikes or your theme at this time, just let us know your intention to participate and keep us updated at the Show approaches. Would you be good enough to spread the word and present this to your membership? If you have any suggestions or questions please give me a call and I'd be happy to discuss the 2020 program. We are always open to improvements.

Thanks! I look forward to your feedback. Bar Hodgson, Show Producer, (905) 655-5403

from Dave Lehr-

Attached please find pictures of the Matchless G80CS gas tank that I would like to sell in the Matchless News. I purchased this gas tank from an AJS & Matchless Club member and would like to offer it to other club members and donate the proceeds to The AJS & Matchless Owners Club North American Section. I believe gas tank is for 1953-55 G80CS. It is missing the gas cap and ring that gas cap attaches to. It is aluminum and has a few shallow dents with filler. I am asking \$300.00US plus UPS shipping in USA or USPS Priority Mail International to Canada and the rest of the world. Email detourdad@aol.com and ph. 269 599-2938. Thanks, Dave



Help Needed!

Someone to build me a paddock starter that works off 110 v AC (not car battery) Or at least the plans and list of parts so I can get local machinist to do it. Should have a foot control to start and stop it while I am seated on the bike. Would like to have this by April 2020.

(I think I saw a photo of one in a back issue of the Matchless News but cannot find it.)

Randy Montgomery

Randal Montgomery (randmont@gmail.com)



Steve Lathrop and Joe Lachniet



Steve rode his championship winning P11 into the event. Strong runner!



This G2cs was also ridden into the event.



Cub Stand in Gazebo
Thanks, Suzi



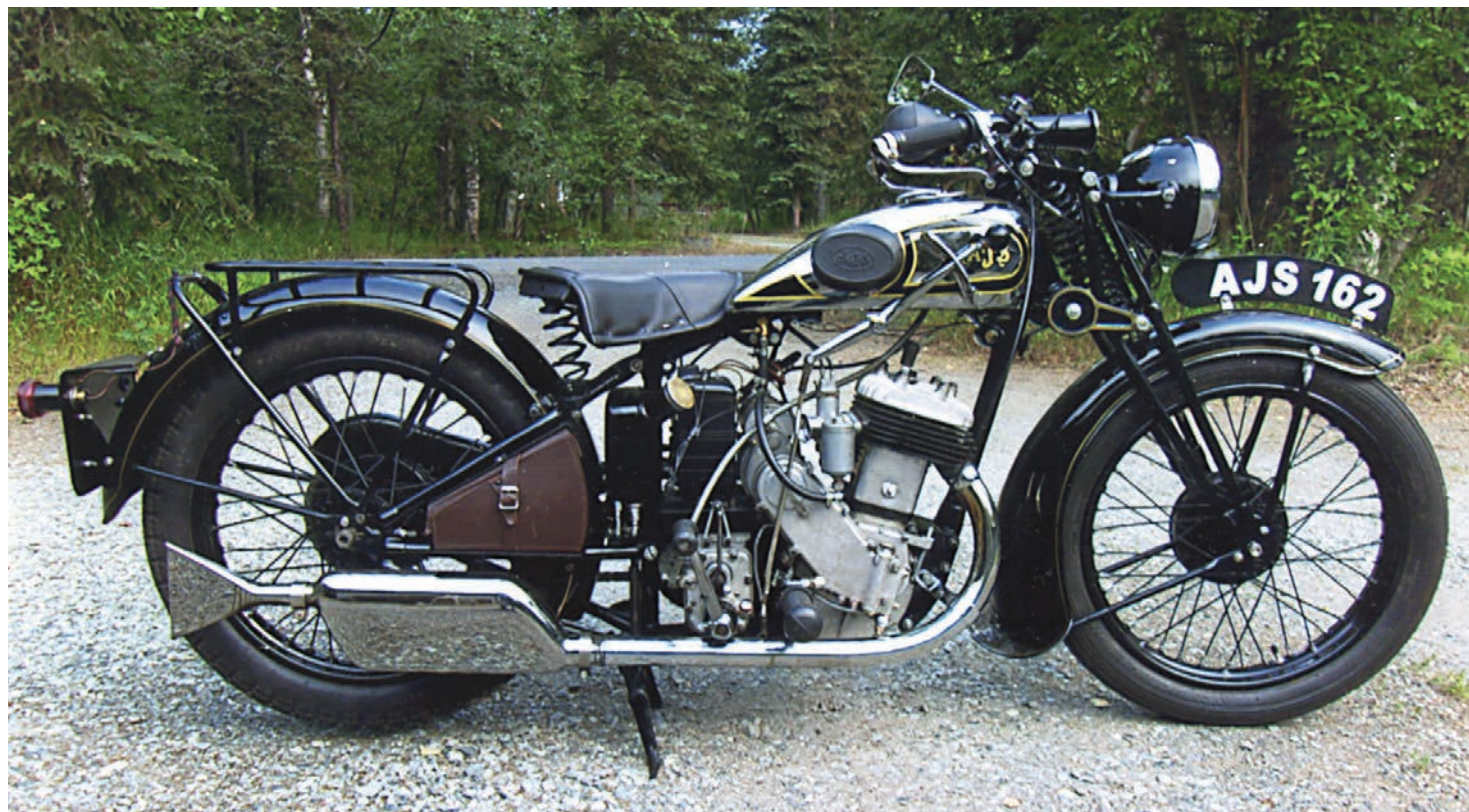
Brothers brought 1938 AJS V-Twin!



Norm Roller and his beautiful P11 Ranger.



1938 AJS unrestored survivor



*1966 G80CS for sale. Asking \$6000.00
phone number 989-683-2818 Michigan. Thanks, Jerry Lubbers*

*from
Ron
Kilian*

Just a follow-up from my article on my 1931 AJS S-4. I was always embarrassed about the exhaust pipe. The machine now has a proper exhaust, sourced in England. Looks much better! The other photos are my just finished 1958 model 31. This project was mentioned in my article. I cannot say enough about Ad Coppens. He was super to work with. The only other people I have worked with regarding info on parts that match up to Ad, are Mick and Angela Hemmings in the UK. The 31 is very enjoyable to ride!



14th Annual
Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show
Held at Frost Park
300 NE 2 Street (south of Ft. Lauderdale airport)
January 25th, 2020 at 10am
Clive Taylor: 954 830-8855
Clare Frost: daniabikeshow@yahoo.com
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Bits & Pieces *Plus!*

by John Diederich



1959 Matchless G80R "Dirt Tracker"

From 1957 to 1959 Associated Motor Cycles, Ltd. England (Matchless) produced 57 of these 500cc rigid framed dirt trackers, all for the North American market. Most of these purpose-built bikes were used as intended, and worn out or destroyed on the race track. Very few are known to survive.

This 1959 Matchless G80R is from the final



Plus!

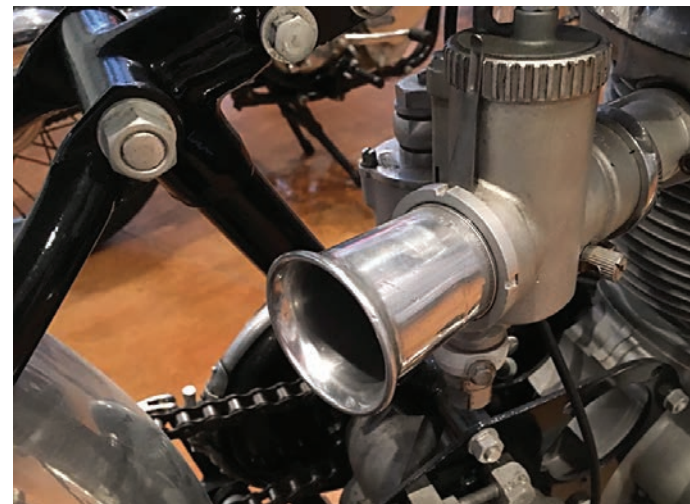
batch of 7 dirt trackers built at the beginning of the 1959 model year, and is the last known survivor. 5 of the 7 were shipped to Cooper Motors, the US Distributor in California, one was shipped to a European customer for use as a road racer, and this bike was shipped to Firth Motorcycles, the Ontario importer in Toronto.

The bike had been ordered by the successful Canadian dirt track racer Mark Kehoe, and he campaigned this bike throughout the 1960's at the 1/2 mile dirt tracks in Ontario and eastern Canada. Canadian CMA records are sketchy, but according to Mark he usually won his heat races and often the final, beating Gold Stars and cammy Nortons in the process. According to Mark, in his best year he won 29 heat races.

I bought this bike from Mark Kehoe in March, 1996 at the Jerry Wood auction in Daytona and got to know Mark in the process. His son John, who is past Ontario and Canadian National Speedway Champion, raced this bike in several Canadian vintage events in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

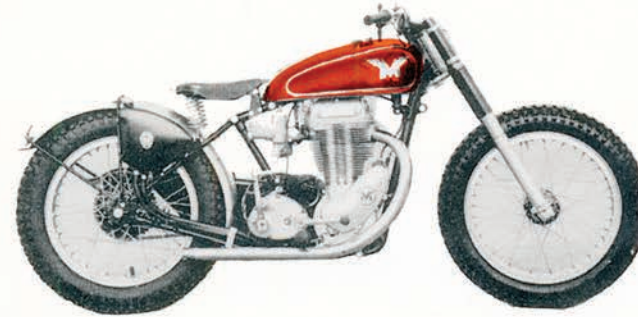
I restored the bike in 1997 to original factory specifications. Much to the disgust of my neighbors, I've ridden the bike through the neighborhood (it makes beautiful music!), but it's not been on a race track since the early 1990's.

John Diederich, Mooresville, NC



MATCHLESS DIRT TRACK RACER

TAILOR-MADE FOR AMERICAN TRACK RACING

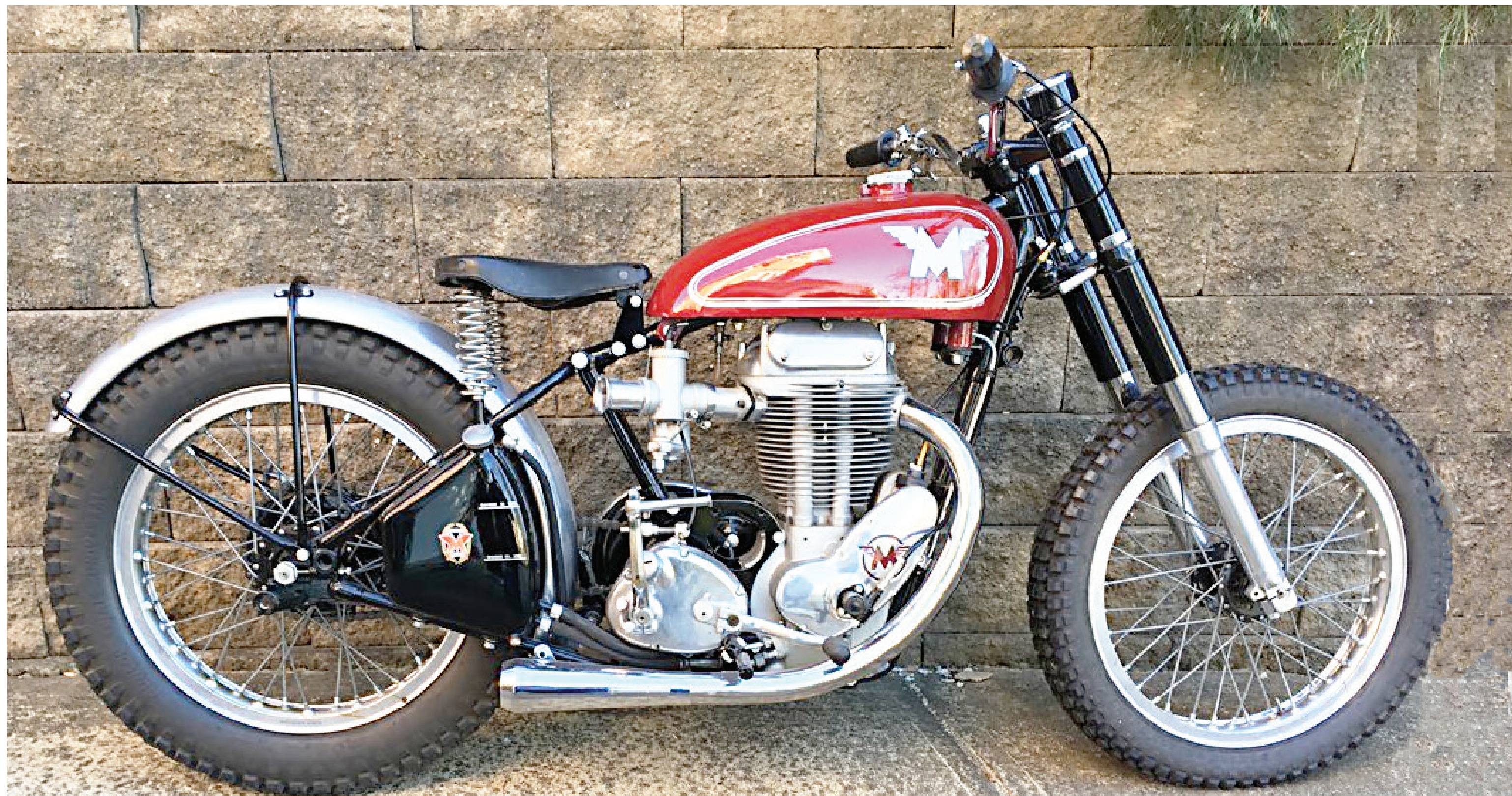


500cc Speed tuned alloy engine. Rigid frame with light Teledraulic forks. 9 to 1 compression. Extra large valves. High tensile valve springs. Center jet-fired spark plug. 1 3/8" Grand Prix Amal carburetor. Lucas TT type magneto.

Alloy wheel rims, spool type front hub Alloy petrol tank, special remote oil tank. Folding footrests. Tachometer, Kill button on handlebar. 350x19 front tire, 400x19 rear tire. Rear brake for testing purposes. Assortment of 4 extra engine sprockets. Burman standard ratio gear box. Other ratios available.



50 of the 1957 G80 C R/R dirt trackers were produced for racing in the USA. Only seven of the 1959 G80 R models were produced, with the only noticeable difference being the location of the oil tank. Though the dirt trackers came equipped with rev counters, the one pictured in the 1957 brochure seems to have lost its ,



1959 Matchless G80R



Lean and mean - off-side view shows special folding foot pegs and rear brake and pedal which were removed for Class C racing.



Dunlop alloy rims came standard. Front spool hub is early model rear hub ...



Special on the Dirt Trackers-unique mount positions tachometer so needle is vertical at 6,800 RPM.

1957 Models were stamped: 57/ G80 XXXX C R/R



Barber Festival 2019



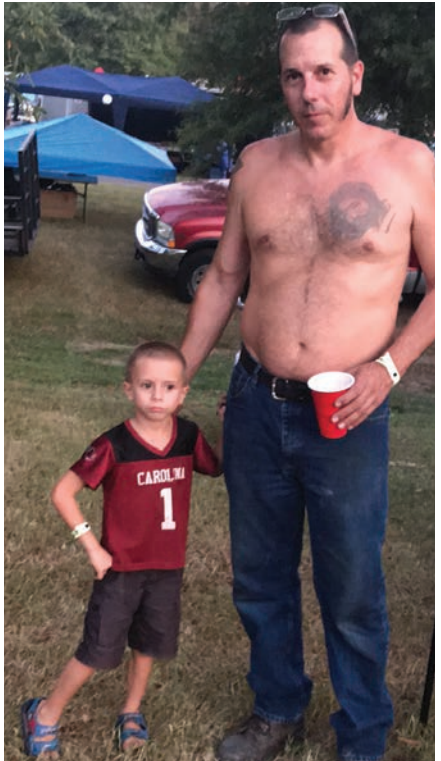
Terry Swatten from Canada



Clare Frost and Clive Taylor



Rick Taylor



Matthijs and Matthew Posthuma



Matthijs Posthuma demonstrating G85CS



Dana Grindle - Liking the Bates seat!



John Caffrey



John Diederich, John Posthuma, Rick Taylor, and Mike Partridge "working"



Monk O'Hara and Dennis Shirk



John Diederich trying to keep cool!



John Posthuma, John Diederich, Carl Kotevich, and Rick Taylor



G12CS as raced by Dave Kaufman



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Woods - sparks are flyin'



G80CS



Plenty to see and people to meet!



Dave Kaufman (R) and two of his friends...



John Caffrey mans the Club Stand



Stand was busy!

Wanted

Johnson Motors 11x11 Triumph brochure for 1965. Motorcyclist magazines of the 1950's and 1960's. Old race win promotional posters from the 50's and 60's such as "Triumph Wins 36th Annual Big Bear Run" Anything on Catalina, Big Bear or Greenhorn races; pre 1970 mc magazines; British Car and Bike magazine; Color pictures of late 50's AJS/Matchless off road cycles; Bates leather dual seat. Rogers, 13900 Cooper Orbit Cove, Little Rock, AR 72210 rogersr.e.65@gmail.com

1955 & up complete w/ bolt and spacer, powder coated, ready to fit, \$250 and that includes shipping! Contact Lyndon Taylor at: sales@ajsmatchless.com



FOR SALE: 1970 Triumph T100C with dealer installed (when new) low pipes and high bars.

All original except paint on side cover. I've ridden the bike more than 8,000 miles and never had a problem with it.

Starts and runs great. Serial number HD56508T100C.

Sold new by Charlotte Triumph dealer. I'm the second owner. Asking \$5500.00 John Diederich. Contact information on page 2



FOR SALE: 1953 Matchless G80CS, restored in 1994 and ridden only 550 miles since.

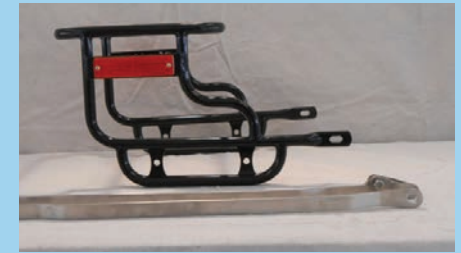
Lots of new parts used including tires and NOS Lycett saddle. I've kept written records of all the work done, all the parts replaced.

Certificate of authenticity from AJSMOC England verifying that the engine # 1339C and frame # 4119C are correct as it left the factory.

Asking \$8500.00. Let me know if you have any questions. John Diederich. Contact information on page 2.



New tin-ware, racks, anti-sump device and magneto end covers with kill button/anti wet-sump valve ground connection available from Club Spares Specialist Ad Coppens Ph. 860 - 859 - 0866 ajs4616@yahoo.com



For Sale

1956 Matchless G11 Sport Twin frame with swingarm, battery box, oil tank, rear wheel, alloy fenders with braces, side and center stands, headlight, gas tank and seat. Missing rear shocks, front end, engine and transmission. \$1,200.00 Or best offer.

Jeff Willis 740 894 5601

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___	029427	Rear number plate, 2 holes, for 679 taillight	50.00	___
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___	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 _____

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___	Clip for attaching chrome badge to front fender bracket	\$20.00	___

Make checks payable to AJSMOC and mail to: Lyndon Taylor, 105 N. Oak, Carson, IA 51525

Membership & Spares



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!

New!

Rick Taylor
mail@ajsmatchless.com



These G2 parts were donated to club, but we had to pay the shipping of \$87.44. So we need to get at least that back, hope someone can use them!

Lyndon Taylor
sales@ajsmatchless.com

New!

MU42 headlight seals! \$25 each free shipping



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



024077 spacer CS 58-59 \$8.00



024076 spacer CS 58-59 \$11.00



Steering Stop - part number 021780





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