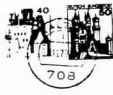


# LETTERS



## RAMBLINGS AND GETTING INTO SITUATIONS AND BIDS...?

Dear Joel:

Allow me to introduce myself briefly and how I go into the present situation of entering a bid on your Mike Hailwood poster. That is, assuming the poster is in regard to Hailwood's 1978 victory on his Ducati. If this is the poster in question, please enter my bid which follows at the end of this letter.

After a number of used, mostly British bikes, I bought my first new motorcycle, a 1965 model 5-speed Ducati 250cc scrambler model. This faithful bike outperformed all Jap bikes as a matter of routine and never left me stranded. Though it was a scrambler, to get to the dirt we had to ride through hilly, twisty Berkeley, Calif. roads to our destination. These rides became road races on knobby tires - so handling was most important on all our bikes, hence we used European models. Before selling my Ducati, I bought a second new bike - a 1969 Yamaha 360 Enduro. I was so disappointed with it I sold it within six months. Before leaving the S.F. Bay Area, I finally sold the Duke, needing money for future college work. For a time, college sapped time and money so bikes were out. In more recent times, I began to feel my mint 69-BSA 441 Shooting Star was not quite up to my 200 mile a week commute. It handled beautifully but the big single had occasional fits of balkiness. A Ducati seemed like the obvious answer - but somehow the only one that caught my eye was the 900 SS, yet I knew it would be foolish for commuting. I might have settled for a used 450 Desmo but none offered themselves. Then I walked in to Rissman Motors - The Ducati and Moto Guzzi dealer for New Mexico and there was a beautiful 500 cc Cafe Racer - the U50 Monza. This Moto Guzzi seemed the perfect compromise between reliability and sport excitement. Yet even as I bought the Guzzi, I told the Rissmans I would be back for a 900 SS.

Well, this Moto Guzzi was only my third new bike, and that was at the end of July. In early August, while picking up some taillight bulbs, Else Rissman showed me a brochure for the 1982 Hailwood Replica 900. With fear and dread, I called my banker who assured me I could indeed put my soul in hock to buy a Replica. Our timing was right and we got the last one of the five Hailwood Replicas that Berliner Motors had. Thus making my fourth new motorcycle in almost 20 years of riding, and my second in a one month period. Due to this rather sudden acquisition, I find myself somewhat short of cash, but well supplied with superior European road machines.

So..... for a bid ..... how about????

1. \$25.00
2. 5 U.S. Postage Stamps
3. Will write a nice story - complete with lots of pictures of the Replica.

If the above is agreeable, I sure would like one of those posters. It would look good in my workshop - hanging on the wall - staring at a spotless Replica of the bike Hailwood rode.

P.S. My friend Fred Mork in Calif. turned me onto your organization a few weeks ago and I have read the two newsletters he received so far so enclosed also is a check for membership - please start me with the issue #28. The check is for \$29.80 which is \$12.50 for membership and \$17.30 for two of the Mike Hailwood t-shirts, advertised in #26. Please send one Large and one Medium T-shirt.

P.S. #2 Actually, I'll write something and send pictures of the replica if you folks are interested anyway, but I'd sure like to have a poster - sorry I can't spring more \$ now. But let me know if I get one and I'll send check or cashier's check A.S.A.P.

Pete Bonner, P O Box 1465 Corrales, NM 87048

## I DEFY YOU TO IDENTIFY THIS BIKE WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE ANSWER

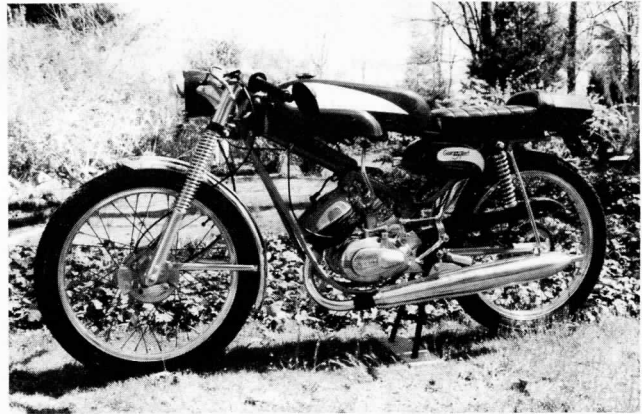
Dear Joel:

Please send me 2 more DIOC patches, they turned out to be very nice.


Enclosed are some photos of some of my bikes. I also have a

500 GTL (which has given me the most trouble of any of the bikes I have). I am putting together a 250 single with Dianna tank, clip ons, rear sets and racing megaphone. When I finish this project, maybe I will try to put together an article for the newsletter. Also have a couple of 350 sports scramblers that need a lot of work. Eventually I may get to put one together out of the two if I get ambitious.

I defy you to identify the little red bike in the photo .....



give up yet? It is a 1969 DERBI (Spanish) 74cc GRAN SPORT. Sort of a small scale 750 Sport. As far as I know, it is the only one in the U.S... I bought it from the original importers Cosmopolitan Motors of Hatboro, PA. This was a sample bike but was never imported according to cosmopolitan. I have cleaned it up and made a few small changes to it but it is almost original.



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