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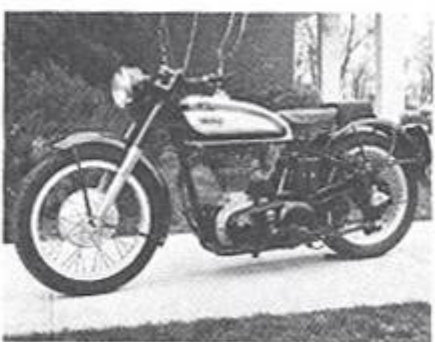
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The Honda effort to wrest the world land speed record for motorcycles from Harley-Davidson is a model of sophistication. They have spared no expense or detail for their upcoming assault on the salt.



The first AMA/FIM sanctioned motocross Grand Prix in the United States was a smashing success, despite the absence of some top ranked European riders. The track at Carlsbad, California, was a thing of beauty.



There are some things that never grow old, including the great classic motorcycles of the past. Among the finest of the breed was the Norton International, whose song is still heard somewhere in the land.

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ON THE COVER: Well, Kawasaki has out-done themselves. First they introduced the Mach III 500cc two stroke triple that shocked the performance fans. Now they have just released this new fantastic 750cc Mach IV super bomb. Kawasaki calls it their super tower. We have a lot of other things to say about it in our comprehensive road test. Photography by Dave Gookey.

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CYCLE GUIDE GRAND PRIX

Despite a brutal heat wave, the racing was fast and close, with a few surprises to make things interesting.

Saturday, September 11, dawned clear and still; in this case an ominous sign. While road racing thrives on clear weather and dry track, Southern California had been in the grip of a record breaking heat wave, and the first day of the first annual Cycle Guide Grand Prix promised no relief from the temperature. This AFM sanctioned event nevertheless drew a healthy crowd of racers and spectators, who really got their money's worth during two days of fast action.

One of the big surprises came early in the program, in the 250 Production race. Rod Murufas, riding a 250 Ossa, absolutely dazzled the crowd with his hard charging style to win the event, beating such formidable competition as young Pat Evans, who had to settle for second place on his Yamaha.

The Open Production class, for machines up to 1,000cc, was one of the best contests of the meet. Ralph White, riding the new 750 Kawasaki Mach IV, had such an edge in acceleration that he was clearly the man to beat. The early laps were a duel between White and Bill Manley, on his immaculate Norton 750. The Norton had the edge in the handling department, allowing Manley to snatch the lead in the twisty sections by scratching hard. But when they hit the short straights, it was no contest. The big three cylinder Kawasaki just pulled effortlessly away from the rest of the field. About midway through the battle, Manley dropped out with transmission problems, and White went on to win, giving Kawasaki an important and impressive victory for their first outing with the new contender. George Kerker, riding his first race on a 750 Honda, instead of his more familiar Norton, finished second, with Phil Pascoe third on a Triumph.

Fifteen year old Pat Evans had a good day, winning both the 250 GP and 200 GP events. The 250 GP was one of the best races of the day, with Tom White surprising the onlookers by spurring to an early lead. But Howard Lynggard and Pat Evans, both Yamaha mounted, were swiftly working their way through the pack. Lyng-

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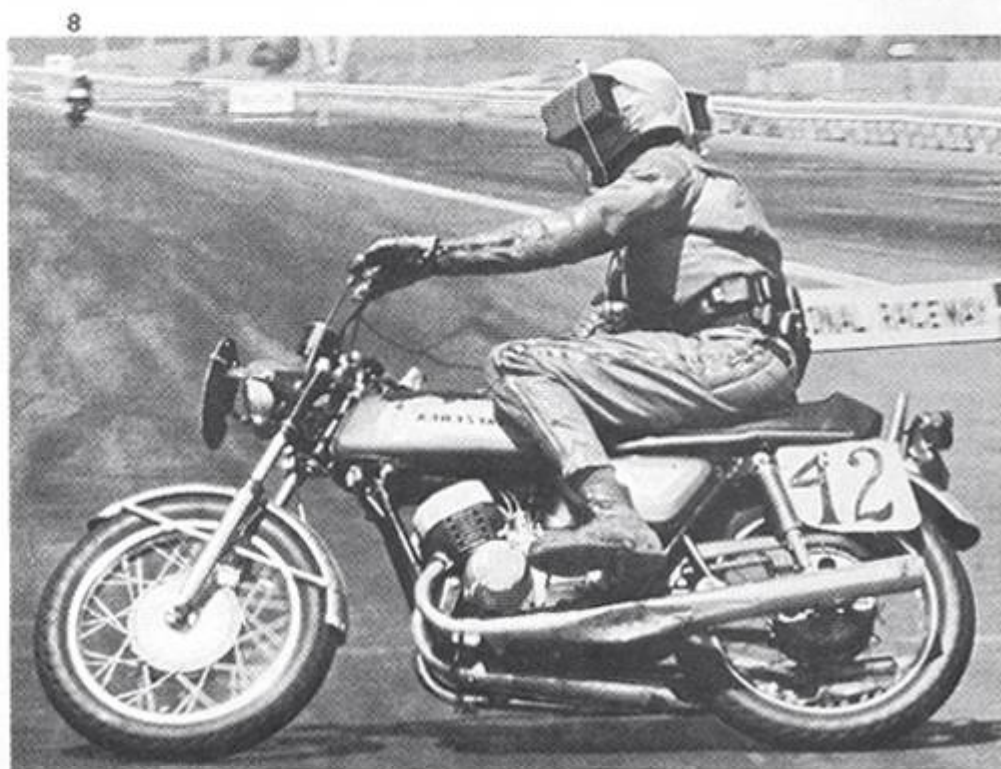


gard took the lead and held it into the last lap, despite the formidable efforts of Evans. Coming out of the final turn into the home straight, Evans managed to pull out a little extra acceleration, just nipping Lynggard at the wire for the win. The crowd loved it. Pat probably weighs 100 pounds, counting riding gear, and this advantage may have given him the victory.

The Sidecar event was also something of an upset, as the formidable team of Dean Hummer and Roulon Gulbranson, aboard their big Harley-Davidson rig, had some problems negotiating the course in the early going. Ozzie Auer and Walt Garnett, with their wild looking 500 Kawasaki rig took the lead and never relinquished

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- 1 Rod Murufas turned in two fantastic rides aboard his 250 Ossa to win the 250 Production and Open Consolation events.
- 2 The only way to beat the heat, even temporarily, is demonstrated by these two stalwarts.
- 3 Jerry Smith was a colorful sight aboard his Yamaha. He finished sixth in the 350 class in the Open Production race.
- 4 Garnett Lewis was riding pure nostalgia in the form of his Matchless 500, finishing eighth in the Open Consolation.
- 5 Cycle Guide's own Mike Capalite is all fierce concentration before the 175 GP, where he finished second on his 160 Honda.
- 6 The sidehack team of Roesch/Hatch aboard their 900 Harley-Davidson rig, finished third in the event.
- 7 Frank Scurria is making a comeback in road racing. He had problems with the 750 Norton in this meet.
- 8 Dick Kilgroe is wearing a pair of cameras mounted on his helmet, to film life aboard a production racer.
- 9 Ralph White's 750 Kawasaki had some ailments during the meet, which the resident physicians try to diagnose.
- 10 750 Kawasaki mounted Ralph White (47) draws a bead on 750 Norton mounted Reg Pridmore (711) in the Cycle Guide GP.



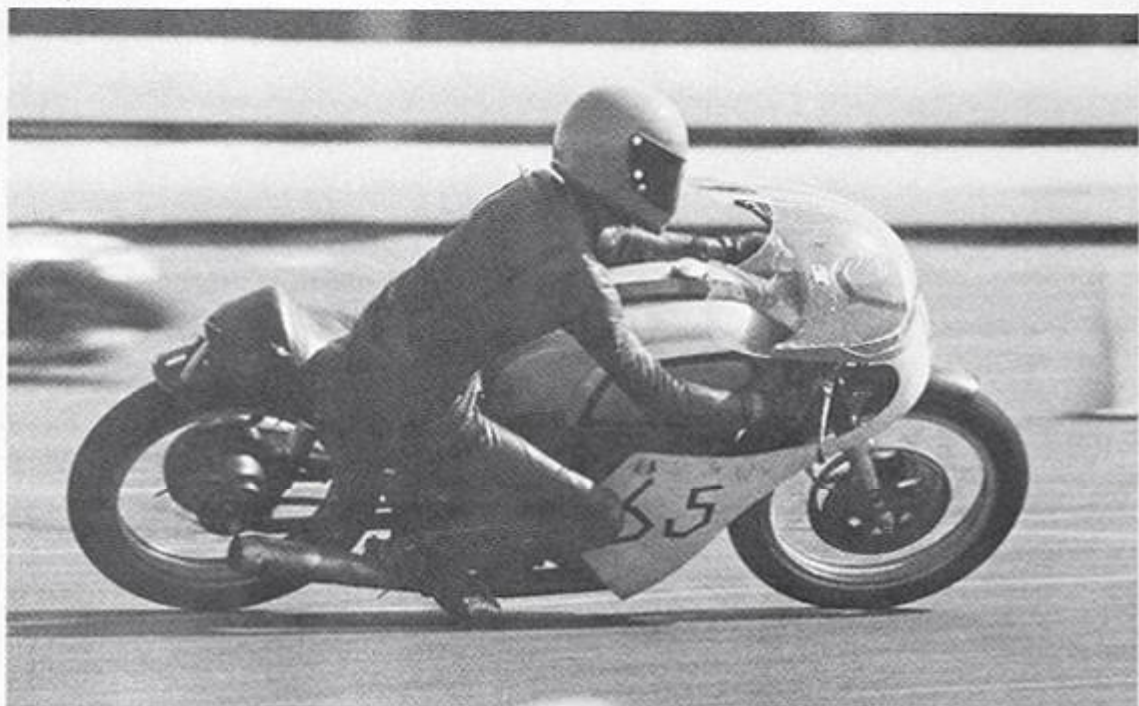
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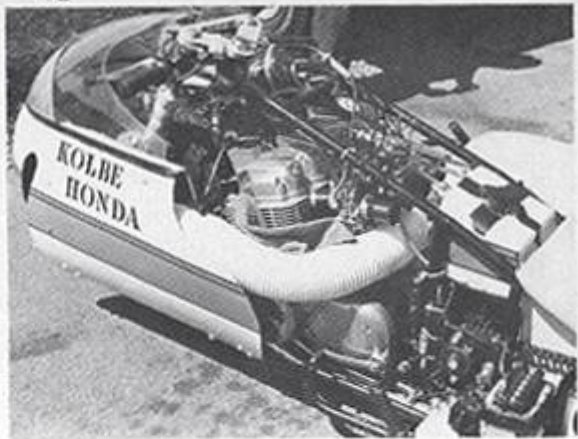
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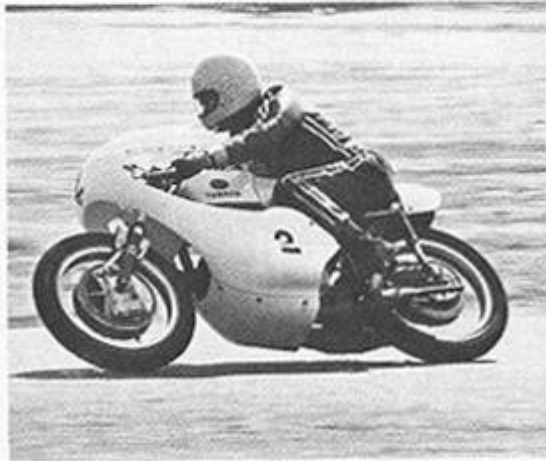
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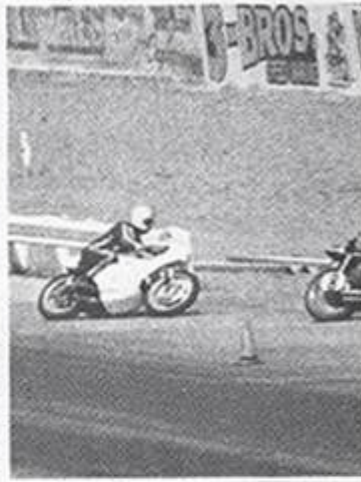
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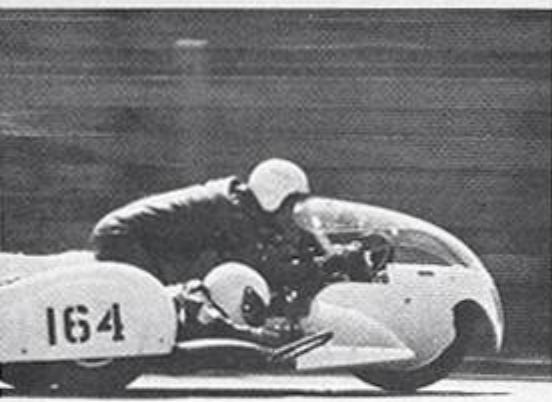


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11 Ralph White (47) is closely pursued by Bill Manley (19) during their torrid battle in the Open Production go.

12 This close up view of the second place Honda 750 sidecar rig shows some interesting plumbing aboard.

13 The futuristic streamlining of the Auer/Garnett 500 Kawasaki sidehack really shows in this view.

14 Tony Murphy's squatty looking Bridgestone with its 16 inch wheels handled well, but had other problems.

15 Little Pat Evans wails along in the lead in the 200 GP, which he won handily.

16 Ron Riley on his 50cc Ital Jet takes a quick look behind him to see if anyone is drafting in his slipstream.

17 The winning Auer/Garnett Kawasaki sidecar leads the chase through the 'S' turns leading to the front straight.

18 Rudy Ramos rode this well prepared 750 Honda to a seventh place finish in the finale. Note twin front disc brakes.

19 John Serra is not getting off his 500 Kawasaki. His unorthodox style earned him seventh in the 500 Production race.

20 Four closely bunched riders streak through turn 1 at the end of the front straight, during the Cycle Guide GP.

21 The rider with his back to the camera borrowed a set of leathers from someone with a larger rear end.

22 Bruce Haugh rode his 750 Norton to second place in the Open Consolation. Note twin exhausts joining in one pipe.

23 Bill Manley (19) closes the gap on Ralph White (47) in the 'S' turns before the front straight.

CYCLE GUIDE GRAND PRIX ORANGE COUNTY INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY September 11 & 12

RACE: 1 EVENT: 0-250 Production 50 GP
LAPS: 10 MILES: 20 TIME: 17 min. 26.7 sec.

1	218	Rod Murufas	Ossa
2	2	Pat Evans	Yamaha
3	506	Mike Thomas	Suzuki

50 GP

1	3	Tom Cleghorn	Honda
2	59	Mike Summers	Suzuki
3	A	Ron Riley	Ital Jet

RACE: 2 EVENT: 251-1000 National Production
LAPS: 10 MILES: 20 TIME: 15 min. 46 sec.

Open

1	Ki	Ralph White	Kawasaki
2	90	George Kerker	Honda
3	197	Phil Pascoe	Triumph

500

1	42	Dick Kilgroe	Kawasaki
2	592	Chris Garramon	Kawasaki
3	171	Si Baker	Kawasaki

350

1	582	Bob Endicott	Honda
2	150	Mike Devlin	Yamaha
3	323	Dan Spizak	Kawasaki

RACE: 3 EVENT: 250 GP
LAPS: 10 MILES: 20 TIME: 15 min. 45.6 sec.

1	2X	Pat Evans	Yamaha
2	87	Howard Lynggard	Yamaha
3	59	Mike Summers	Yamaha

RACE: 4 EVENT: 0-200 GP
LAPS: 10 MILES: 20 TIME: 17 min. 54 sec.

1	2	Pat Evans	Yamaha
2	106	George Miller	Bridgestone

175

1	29	Kansas Anis	Honda
2	199	Mike Capalite	Honda

125

1	3	Tom Cleghorn	Yama
2	327	Mike Slaughter	Yam Van Tech

100

1	771	Frank Neimeyer	Kawasaki
2	506	Mike Thomas	Kawasaki
3	65	Norm Fraijo	Honda

RACE: 5 EVENT: Sidecar
LAPS: 10 MILES: 20 TIME: 20 min. 21 sec.

1	164	O. Auer/Garnett	Kawasaki 500
2	69	J. McNeal/Crabb	Honda 750
3	7	D. Roesch/Hatch	H.D. 900

RACE: 6 EVENT: Consolation
LAPS: 10 MILES: 20 TIME: 16 min. 36.2 sec.

1	218	Rod Murufas	Ossa 750
2	130	Bruce Haugh	Norton 750
3	770	Ralph Hudson	Suzuki

RACE: 7 EVENT: Cycle Guide GP
LAPS: 10 MILES: 20 TIME: 15 min. 55 sec.

1	51	Hurley Wilvert	Yamaha 350
2	87	Howard Lynggard	Yamaha 350
3	K1	Ralph White	Kawasaki 750