



Stafford Show winners

TWO more dazzling winners (pictured above) from the Classic & Motorcycle Mechanics Stafford Show - Brian McDonough's Lilac Lancer (Best Sixties Bike) and Charlie Owens' H2C Kawasaki (Best Japanese). Sorry, there wasn't room to carry all the results in last month's show report.

Our award winners were: **Best bike in show:** Doug Price (Rickman Honda). **Best Japanese bike:** Charlie Owens (Kawasaki H2C). **Best British:** Malcolm Austin (1952 Royal Enfield). **Best continental:** Colin Steer (Ducati 900SS). **Best racer:** Dave Evans (1979 Suzuki TR500). **Best off-road:** Ron Lippitt (1960 Velocette). **Best**



original condition: Mark Hawthorn (Honda CB750 F2C). **Machine of most technical interest:** Geoff Davies (Sunbeam Porsche).

Best pre-1950: 1 Malcolm Austin (1952 Royal Enfield), 2 George Walker (1959 BSA), 3 Graham Head (1959 Yamaha). **Best 1960s:** 1 Brian McDonough (1960 Lilac Lancer), 2 Dave Mathieson (1962 Yamaha YDS2), 3 Derek Williams (1961 Triton). **Best 1970s:** Ralph Petts (Suzuki GT750), 2 Gareth Smith (Suzuki GT500), 3 Shaun Matthews (BMW R/905). **Best 1980s:** 1 Roy Pouldie (Suzuki 1000 Katana), 2 Andy Crandon (Honda CBX1000), 3 Glenn Kirkham (Honda CB1000RB).

Best clubstand: 1 International CBX Owners Association, 2 Acorns MCC, 3 Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club.

Copycat classics hit UK roads

EXTENSIVE road trials have paved the way for the British sale of newly made copies of Honda's sohc CB500.

The bikes - a Sixties-style cafe racer called the MIG Eaton and a 115mph 'S' touring version - top a range of 15 budget-priced Chinese-made bikes being imported by MIG Motorcycles of Stroud in Gloucestershire.

The line-up extends from 50cc mopeds and includes trail bikes, scooters, humble commuters and sports models - all replicas of ageing Japanese designs.

Familiar faces include the 125 Honda Benly, GS125 Suzuki, and Z series 250 Kawasaki twins.

MIG began importing copycat Chinese machines to Britain four years ago but have so far concentrated on the commuter end of the market.

The two versions of the CB500-4 are the largest capacity models they have offered and will be marketed by the company throughout Europe and Africa as well as in the UK.

MIG have been running two test bikes in France for the past 12 months and report excellent results.

The MIG Eaton S has covered 48,000 miles in daily excursions between Bordeaux and Toulouse. It's claimed that the only component that has failed is a spark plug.

The slower (85mph) cafe racer has been used as a town bike in Toulouse and has clocked up about 20,000 miles at the cost of a blown exhaust system.

"We are pleased with the test



The real thing - Honda's CB500-4.

results," said MIG managing director Terry Bird, who raced a Honda Benly in the '59/'60 New Zealand TT. "We will be importing an initial batch of 200 of the 500s and have already got firm orders for 50. All the buyers and in the 35 to 40-plus age range. I think it's a nostalgia thing."

The MIG Eaton S, which features alloy wheels and disc brakes, will cost about £3300 on the road while the cafe racer, with wire wheels and twin-leading shoe front drum brake, will sell for about £3150. The differ-

ence in performance between the two models is merely down to gearing.

The two Kawasaki Z series-based twins are the wire-wheeled and drum-braked MIG 250 commuter (£2500) and the 100mph 250S, which features alloy wheels, disc brakes, twin carbs and a higher compression ratio. It will retail for between £2650 and £2700. The bikes go on sale here this month (January).

For details contact MIG on 01453 886258.

'1000' Festival to return to Brands

THE VMCC's Festival of 1000 Bikes switches back from Snetterton to Brands Hatch for '96. The event is being held at the Kent track on August 18 and 19. The short Indy circuit will be in use on the Saturday and the full GP circuit on the Sunday.

BMW party invite

MEMBERS of the BMW Club have been invited to Brienz in Switzerland this summer to help the local Deutschschweizer BMW Motorradclub celebrate their silver jubilee.

The celebration rally takes place from June 21 to 23. BMW riders interested in attending should contact Neil Leigh on 01489 895996.

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