

Funny Quotes & Stories

Favorite episode involving a motorcycle: In 1972 an old Chinese man in Takoma Park, MD asked me to look at this strange motorcycle in the cellar of the house he inherited from his brother. It was a rough Velocette Venom that had been sitting for years and was missing the muffler. We worked for over an hour in the dim light before I could finally kick the reluctant dragon to life. It responded by filling the cellar with thick blue smoke, flashes of light from the backfires, and roars from the open exhaust. I'll never forget his wide-open eyes and the dancing smile on his face. He was 9 again and it was the Fourth of July. Also noted was the torrent of Chinese shouts from his wife at the top of the stairs that were totally ineffective at quenching our celebration. To this day, the key ingredients of vintage motorcycling still are - mystery, frustration, sweat, loud noises, smoke, camaraderie, celebration, and contentment.

A man can ride a Vincent Motorcycle in the daytime and sleep under a city bridge at night covered only by cardboard and his life will be rich and complete.

The Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt not store thy Gold Star out of doors. Nor in the cold.
2. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's Gold Star, nor his shop, nor his calendars, nor his new GP.
3. Thou shalt not love thy Gold Star more than the spouse or children, as much, but not more. There are limits you know.
4. Thou shalt not log on to the Pit Stop or Brit Iron website on company time, for thy employer makes it possible to buy more Goldies.
5. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Triumph, Velocette, nor his Norton. It's OK if he's an anal compulsive Vincent owner however.
6. Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the high holy days of the San Jose Clubman Show.
7. Thou shalt not deceive thy significant other into thinking that thou art taking her on a romantic Sunday ride when indeed thou art going to look at another GS.
8. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to thy house then use it to store thy BSA and thy tools.
9. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of the modifications, at least not at the same time.
10. Thou shalt not buy thy spouse a motorcycle lift and tie downs for Christmas. Yea, thou perhaps a new set of Whitworth sockets would be OK.

Have you ever ?

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- Kicked a Triumph (I don't mean with the kick starter)...
- Wondered just how much oil a BSA could possibly leak...
- Considered forcing the Lucas people to use their own electrics...
- Wished you owned stock in a light bulb factory...
- Had people ask you if England ever made motorcycles...

- Ever seen a Triumph with good fork seals...
- Looked underneath a BSA engine to check for oil leaks...
- Substituted for a special tool...
- Had people tell you your Enfield is a nice-looking Honda...
- Tried to order Triumph transmission parts...
- Used a Norton headlight at night over 30 miles an hour...
- Noticed how many articles there are on replacing Amals with Mikunis...
- Strained your eyes to get a good look at Fonzie's bike...
- Noticed how many people say, "I used to have one of those"...
- Crossed some wires and watched the whole harness go up in smoke...
- While the harness was burning, had the song "Something's Burning" come on the radio just to add insult to injury....
- Ever considered riding anything else?

Me neither !!!!!
