

South of England SuperBike Show

Sunday 7th August 2011: Results

Best Pre-1980:

1st Tony Smith; 1979 Honda CBX 1000. The Honda CBX 1047cc with its 6 transverse mounted cylinders, 6 carburettors, air cooling, 24 valves and double overhead camshafts was in its day the most powerful street legal motorcycle in production. It weighed in at 572lbs (wet) and had a top speed of around 140mph and 105bhp at 9,000 rpm for the early 1000Z model. Later models had a top speed of around 135mph. The first 1000Z model was produced in 1978 with twin shock absorbers and twin front disc.

2nd: Patrick Bullimore; 1973 Kawasaki Z1. This is one of only 38 black engined Z1s imported to the UK by Agrati, who were the concessionaires before Kawasaki UK were set up. I took the original owner on the back of my CB750 to pick this bike up from Read Titan, Leytonstone in August 1973. I eventually bought it from him in 1978. It had not been well looked after and ran very badly. It was parked at the back of my garage and restoration commenced in 2001. The machine is all original, apart from a new exhaust and one or two other pattern parts. The actual mileage is 13,500 as the clock was zeroed when restored.

Best 1980-on:

1st Mr. WR Potter, 1999 Harris Magnum 5. Made in Britain, only 50 were ever made.

2nd David Dunford, 1993 Honda VFR NC30. This bike was imported to the UK in 1999 and was restored in 2008. Many were raced in Japan in the 400 SuperSport Series, where they were well used & abused; hence a full restoration was necessary.

Best 4-stroke Single:

1st Patrick Buss, 1950 BSA M21 600cc. Owned for about 7 months, very little work has been carried out to date. The bike was off the road prior to 1979. Starts and rides well (fingers crossed). Some cosmetic work is to be carried out, after work is completed on a BSA B25.

2nd Mr JT Agate, 1959 AJS Model 18 500cc. First seen at a small bike meeting behind a pub, an approach was made to the then owner, which was taken up a year or so later. Bought already restored a few years & a few tubes of Autosol ago. First registered 30 September 1959.

Best 4-stroke Twin:

1st Mr G Naughton, 1956 Douglas Dragonfly. Purchased as a box of bits found in a loft in Manchester in 1979, 50% was missing. Took 6 years to find all the missing parts, professionally restored in 1985 with many awards since then. Featured in Classic Bike Magazine in 1994.

2nd David Chandler 1967 BSA A65 Lightning. This unit construction twin model was made from 1962 until 1970.

Best 4-stroke Multi:

1st Simon Ralph, 1982 Laverda Jota 120. Given a comprehensive 5-year restoration from 2005 to 2010. Purchased in a very poor state, no stone left unturned! The Jota 120 is the last of the mighty Jotas, made in 1982. Only 400 of this variation were made between 1982/3, when the factory started production of the new RGA/RGS. The engine was a new development of the original 180 degree engine, with a 120 degree crank with silentbloc engine mounts to smooth vibration. The power delivery was smoother than the 180, without the lumpy off-beat exhaust note. When on song, the 120 degree engine will raise the hairs on the back of the neck - a wonderful sound!

2nd Steve Ward, 1989 Suzuki GSXR 1100 Slingshot. With current owner for the last 21 years. All completely standard.

Best Two-Stroke:

1st Mence Wilkinson; 1972 Suzuki GT 380J. Imported from Michigan USA in 2003, this machine has covered less than 8000 genuine miles from new. Considered a rolling restoration, improvements are made using mostly NOS parts when time & money allows.

2nd Matthew Palmer, 1982 Yamaha RD350LC. This machine is a 1982 model but was not registered until 1984. It has been fully restored using NOS parts where possible. The engine was rebuilt by Stan Stephens to original specification.

Best V-Twin:

1st Mr BE Barrett, 1940 Indian Chief 1200cc. Restored by Bill Healing in the late eighties. Ridden all over Europe and Scandinavia but only broken down twice in the past 19 years, all credit to Bill.

2nd Adrian Nettle, 1981 Honda CX500. This bike has not been restored. Only used in dry weather.

Best Club Stand: CBX Riders Club (UK).

Longest Wheelie of the Day: Daniel Fabian, Ashford. A total of £102.82 was raised for Sussex Air Ambulance.