



### NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1983

#### Introduction

Best wishes in the New Year to you all. We hope that Santa left Manx Nortons under everyone's tree (or G50's depending on religious affiliation). Since so many of us are approaching middle age (or much more!), I suppose we'll have to worry about getting into the leathers again. It just gets harder and harder to take off the inches and pounds after each year's Christmas fetes. Perhaps our Richard J. "Crasher" Lobb has the answer. He starts out with your basic one-size-fits-all Lewis leathers to deal with expansion of the anatomical dimensions. As for the extra tonnage, he simply drills a few more holes in his Vincent every winter. Aside from this technical tip, just thought I'd get out a few words to kick off the 1983. We are still in the midst of our election process, so I'll not have anything political to say here (do I hear cheers out there?). Instead, just the facts, folks.

#### Picture: "Race Faces"

The popular father-and-son Ciniglio team at the first race meeting of 1982. John Sr., the old pro, is his usual relaxed self. John Jr., on the other hand, seems a bit more concerned prior to his first track excursion. He overcame a holed piston and rookie jitters to finish a strong 7th in the 250cc points table. Dad was a fearless 4th. Don Hodge props up brother Ken's "Sidewinder" Norton in the background. Who said Vintage Racing isn't a family hobby?



#### Upcoming Meetings

A series of three Friday evening general club meetings have been booked in advance to deal with winter business and cabin fever. We will try to keep the business side to a minimum and provide some sort of lighter diversions at each. Failing that, there are the local pubs for bench racing. We have been fortunate in being able to book the auditorium of the central branch of the North York Public Library, last winter's meeting venue. The address is 5126 Yonge St. in Willowdale which is about one mile north of HWY 401 at Empress Ave. The dates are;

January 21 at 8:00pm sharp  
February 25  
March 25

At the first meeting on Jan. 21, election results will be announced and the 1983 schedule sorted out. Will also have Mike Kinston 8X10's for those who ordered. Bring coins and a smile.

### Congratulations:

To Norm Speppard whose design for a VRRR logo was the clear winner in our contest. Even the other contestants had to agree that Norm's effort was a winner. By the way, those people were Mary McCaw, Tom Pope, and my younger daughter, Suzanne. Norm was rewarded for his efforts with two tickets to our annual awards dance. Thanks again to all these people for such inspired work. The design at the right is a copy of Norm's original. It will now go through a detailed professional drawing stage to produce photo-ready ready art. Stationary and regalia will follow. ....

And to John Davis for pulling off another "Bash". Bigger this year to accommodate the ever-growing ranks of roadracing regulars, it was attended by many VRRR-types. By all reports, a very fine time was had by all.



### Election - Final call for ballots

Returning officer, Tom Faulds reports that, as of Christmas, ballots had been arriving steadily but that he was disappointed by the number. Lets go folks! The deadline is Jan.15. You've just enough time to dig out your ballot (attached to last VRRR newsletter) and to mail it off. If you have formed a voting opinion, then you should be mailing a ballot. A couple of questions have been asked. This is a secret ballot. We asked you to sign them only so that Tom can confirm your voting rights. Personal choices will remain confidential to him and probably instantly forgotten. Tom will report only the final results to us. Also, in the position of Competition Coordinator, Tom Pope and Ken Morgan accepted nomination for the position. However, Tom Pope withdrew voluntarily shortly after the meeting was adjourned. Among other considerations, Tom is also on the ballot for another position. Thus, Ken Morgan was declared elected.

### Dunlop News

Pat Poisson has announced that, following a successful association with us last year, Dunlop Rubber Canada have again allocated funds to sponsor a championship racing series for VRRR vintage roadracing. Details are being negotiated. However, the total value of direct and indirect financial support by Dunlop will be over twice that of last year. Well done, Ken Morgan. Pat has also asked me to circulate an order form for tires. If you want tires (especially unusual sizes) from him for this year, please mail to him now. He will confirm price and availability after hearing from you. The appropriate financial arrangements can then be made. He will supply us with Dunlop tires at cost and will conduct searches throughout the world-wide Dunlop network to locate hard-to-find items. A few other items; the last remaining stock of KR1R small 18" tires as fitted to many of our 250cc bikes is under Pat's control. Get 'em from him while they last at \$25.00 a copy. KR124's, just like Dave Roper runs can also be had by special order, but hold your breath. The cost may be as high as \$150 per tire depending on shipping arrangements from the UK. Sizes are 3.25X18 and 3.50X18 (the Roper combination). There is also a 375/500X18 that is unlikely to fit a vintage swinging arm.

### Membership Renewal

It is that time of year again. I know that you'll all be rejoining again sooner or later. Why not sooner by filling out the sharp new form and forwarding the best \$15 you'll ever spend? Deadline is March 31 after which you'll turn into a pumpkin. Worse yet people will whisper about you and you'll wonder why you stopped getting these great newsletters. By the way, you'll notice that our past-president and our membership secretary, Doug and Manzi Warwick, have a new address. It is 1870 Spruce Hill Drive, Pickering, Ontario. Telephone (416)839-7464. This happened last summer actually and was done, of course, to find more room for the Velocettes and related shenanigans.