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TROPHY TO THE WE TEST '69 TRIUMPHS

by DARYL NEW

Trophy, Daytona, Bonneville, Trident-Triumph names all readers must be familiar with. How would you like to be offered the whole 1969 range, from 250 Trophy to 750 Trident, to spend the day riding at your leisure?

Sorry lads, that sort of dream is available only to people like dealers and motor cycle magazines, and it's exactly what John Shand. sales manager for W. White Ltd., Wellington presented to me last month.

issue, we weren't able to even on wet roads, (with happy. publish full tests on all five machines.

However, I trust that brief comments on each, plus technical data, will be sufficiently to satisfy the curiosity of enthusiasts.

The American influence was strongly evident on all machines—additional reflectors, studded front tyres, powerful names (Daytona, Trident, Bonneville) and so on.

I must confess to a mistake. I started by riding the Trident and working my way down in capacity which was the worst method because by the time I reached the 250 Trophy, it felt decidedly sluggish.

The enjoyment gained from the experience is hard to put in words. I can only say I would would not like to be in the position of choosing one to purchase, even if finance was the least of the worries.

250 cc TROPHY TR 25 W

A smooth lightweight, particularly positive feel when motoring, but not RIDING GEAR heavy. Snappy performance (proved in All Black Trials Wellington) Brakes well above needs, hard to get a lasting impression as I had a shorter run on this model than the others. No rude traits or qualities showed up, however. Certainly to be recom-

Engine type: OHV, single. Bore & stroke: 67 x 70. C.C.: 249.

C.R.: 8.5:1.

B.H.P.: 22 at 8250 rpm. Gear ratios: First 18.3, second 11.4, third 8.6, top

Carburetter: Amal, R626. Tyres, front: 325 x 19 trials, rear: 400 x 18 trials. Paint HI-FI scarlet.

Weight: 285 lbs. Petrol: 3 gals.

Oil: 4 pints. Sundry: Upswept ex. system, F/brake, 2 L.S. folding foot rests, front and

TIGER DAYTONA, T100 T

I was very keen to sample the Daytona, having heard so much about it, and I was not disappointed in any way. Performance would certainly be there when required (I couldn't belt any of the machines, as they had only 30 or 40 miles registered). I have not ridden a machine with such smooth

me still suffering from sprained wrists as a result of an excursion at Rua-

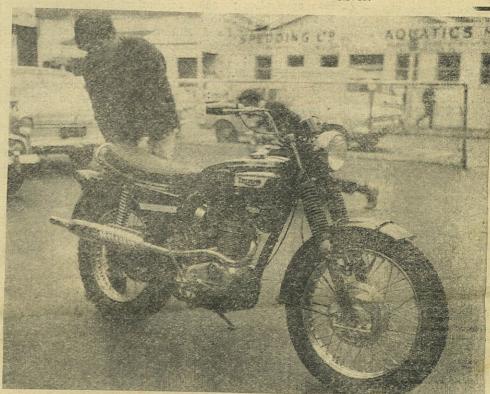
With competition experience built-in, it was delec- second 9.18, third 6.95, Riding was effortless— gear changes. It just begged table and desirable. The fourth 5.70. writing up the range's qual- to be let off the leash and Daytona would certainly ities was a much more de- its name of Tiger was well complement anyone's gar- R626/10 and L626/9. manding task and due to chosen. It could be thrown age and I am sure it will Tyres, front: 325 x 18, pressure of space in this around with no qualms, keep Triumph devotees rear: 350 x 18.

Engine: OHV, twin. Bore & stroke: 69 x 65.5. C.C.: 490.

B.H.P. 39 at 7400 rpm. Gear ratios: First 14.09.

Carburetter: Twin Amals

Paint: Aquamarine green-

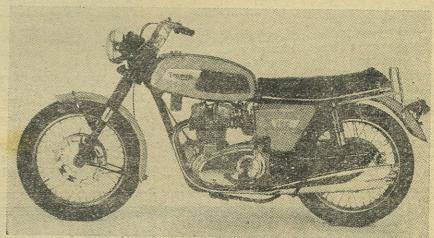


WHITES sales manager John Shand, pictured putting "D" plates on the 250 Trophy Triumph. A true sportster 'cycle.



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