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Pavement Short Track At Pine Brook



Rod Pink receives Trophy Dash award from Motor Maid, Janet Nixon, who was Miss Honda for the evening.



Start of the final event, Rod Pink (77) was the winner.



Rod Pink and Ed Moran are 1 - 2 but Walt Bowker is closing in.

PINE BROOK SHORT TRACK - AUGUST 13th

August 6th saw a lot of disappointed riders when the first event was scheduled to be run at the Pine Brook Stadium in Pine Brook, N. J. as it poured down rain. However, the events were re-scheduled for August 13th and the stands were jammed, with standing room only. About 20 motorcycles turned out to ride in conjunction with the 3/4 midget program. This track is quite different from any other short track - as it is paved macadam. Needless to say that very little sliding was done - but the steel shoes let off lots of sparks.

Three heats were run with Walt Bowker on a Honda 160 taking the first, Rod Pink on a H-D won the 2nd heat and "Greek" Gerolimos the 3rd.

Two semi-finals were run off with Walt Bowker winning easily on his Honda. He was by far the smoothest rider out on the track. Greek Gerolimos brought his Bultaco in for the 2nd place in the first semi. Rod Pink and Ed Moran battled for the first in the 2nd semi. It was quite a surprise to see Moran out on a H-D Sprint. He evidently borrowed the machine and was having trouble arriving at the right carburetor mixture and gearing. Pink took first and Moran 2nd.

The Consolation race was won by Joe Chapman on a Bultaco followed by Leo Biedermann on a Greeves and Ted Schaaf, also on Greeves. All these boys are very well-known for their scrambles riding AND all took to this short track racing quickly.

The trophy dash was led for several laps by Walt Bowker, but Rod Pink squeezed by in the last lap to take the trophy. The trophy was donated by Tri-County Honda of Riverdale, N. J. The trophy girl was lovely Janet Nixon of Franklin Lakes, N. J. who rides a Honda herself and is a member of the Motor Maids.

It was Rod Pink's night for a clean sweep as he held the lead in the final event. Ed Moran held the 2nd spot, but in the last lap our Honda rider Walt Bowker sneaked by about 10 feet from the finish flag. Ed Moran took the third.

There were several spills during the course of the night. However, no one was seriously hurt; but I venture to say that there were a couple of red bottoms on Saturday morning.

The program was run off beautifully with George Popp of Walden, N. Y. doing the starting. Charlie Watson was the referee, and Joan Watson did the lap-checking. Most of our expert riders were out at Springfield for the National, but maybe next time they run on 9/10, we will see some big names shooting sparks.

Reported by Leslie Pink.

Pink Photos.

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Suffolk at Maybrook

SUFFOLK COUNTY SCRAMBLES HELD AT MAYBROOK

Suffolk County club of Long Island has not been able to straighten out their insurance problems on their track at Farmingville, so they borrowed the Maybrook track to run their Point Event on August 1st. The rider entry totalled about 100 and the spectator crowd was pretty good considering the fact that it was a rainy day.

Class 1 Amateur was led for several laps by Jim King of Paterson, N. J. on a Bultaco, but a broken throttle cable forced him out of the race. The winners of that event are all newcomers to this area. Gene Doyon of Shelton, Conn. on a Bultaco was the leader followed by Jon Hampe of Paterson, N. J. on a Greeves, and Tom Allo of Brooklyn, N. Y. also Greeves mounted.

Jim Durso chased Bob Padworski in Class 1 Expert event, but couldn't take the first away from Padworski. Curtis Leon held the third after passing Zeke Evans. Leon spun out in the yellow flag lap, and Evans slipped into third, but Leon was able to re-capture the 3rd place at flag time.

Class 2 Amateur started off with a bad spill on the jump by lead man Jack Fortney on a Bultaco. The race had to be re-started as the ambulance had to be brought out on the track. Tim Palmer on a Bultaco had the lead, but lost it several times to Clem Healy, as they dived back and forth. However, after some hard riding, the lanky Palmer was in the lead again with Healy 2nd and Que Freyer 3rd on a Triumph.

Nick Irons has moved up to Class 2 Expert abandoning Class 1 and held a second spot to Art Herricks first. Joe Mitchell on a Yamaha was back on the scene again after an absence of a few years. He held down the 3rd.

There was quite a bit of confusion in the Class 3 Amateur event caused by the flagman. Dennis Rizzio was in first followed by Gordon Hatch on a Matchless and Jim Alpert on a H-D. These positions held the same all through the race. However, in the 11th lap, Rizzio was given a checkered flag, but the flagman evidently realized his error and did not give the others the flag. Rizzio slowed down thinking the race was over, but the other riders kept going. Rizzio was confused but took off again and slipped into second spot. The race went on for 2 more laps, but Rizzio could not regain the first. The race went on for 13 laps, instead of 12, but trophies were awarded as they finished. No one knew quite what happened and the officials couldn't shed any light on the situation either.

Class 3 Expert brought out the brothers Pink - Doug and Don. Don led the final with Doug in second spot for quite awhile, but that soft Army life took its toll on Doug and Al Heylmann was able to slip into the 2nd spot. Doug took the third. All the winners were Sprint mounted.

Class 4 Expert event kept everyone hopping. Barry Higgins went over the jump in the 2nd lap and landed smack on Ernie Allo's machine. Allo kept going, but Higgins was down in a lump. He started up again, but too far back to do any winning. Allo kept going with a flat tire. Paul LeMire was circulating with no rear brake. Meanwhile - up front was Roy McGirr followed by Wally Durso and Joe Samuelman - all Triumph powered. Unfortunately for Allo, he went down in the sweeper after the jump - and to add to his misfortune, he fell in front of Paul LeMire - who had no brake - with the result that Allo was hit again. Seems like everyone was picking on Ernie Allo today. The race was stopped as spectators were running on the track to the scene of the accident, but no one was seriously hurt.

Don Gore led Rod Pink in Class 5 Expert event with a close race going on for third spot between Tony Granone and Arnie Johannessen. Tony managed to win the duel.

Reported by Leslie Pink.

Point Race at Ace

ACE POINT EVENT AT WALDEN - AUGUST 15th

With all eyes towards the #1 plates - over 90 riders were chomping at the starting line to add to their scores in this point event. It was a blistering hot day which wore out the riders and officials as well.

Kevin McCabe on a Bultaco and Harry Pullen on a BSA were first and second in Class 1 Amateur. Bill Davis on a Maico beat out Tony Martello down from Torrington, Conn. for the 3rd place. Class 1 Expert was a good race with Jim Durso holding the lead by a few inches for 4 laps, but Bob Padworski found an open gate and slipped in front. Zeke Evans was also looking for the open door and dogged Durso and he too sneaked by for the 2nd and Durso held the third.

John Potter of Clifton, N. J. is really circulating on his new Montesa. He led the Class 2 Amateur event all 10 laps followed by Robert Pascualano of Middletown, Conn. on a Bultaco and Tim Palmer in third also on a Bultaco.

Alan Munroe who we read about so often in the New England events made a rare appearance down this way. He easily won the heat, but could just manage a 4th in the final. Kurt Dorbath took first in that class, Class 2 Expert, with Art Herrick, our perennial pipe smoker, in 2nd. John Rodi back in action again was our 3rd place man.

Paul Schwab lost his lead in the 3rd lap to Roger Taksar in Class 3 Amateur event. Jim Alpert was also able to sneak by and hold onto 2nd. All three of these boys were on H-D Sprints. Gordon Hatch was able to capture the 3rd in the 6th lap. Alpert was closing the gap between him and Taksar, but he spilled in the 8th lap in the S turn right after the starting line and Hatch plowed into his machine and they went down in a lump. Hatch was able to take off again, but Alpert was hurt and the race was stopped after the 9th lap when the ambulance was called out. However, it was not necessary to take him out to the hospital. This really jumbled the winner's circle with Taksar still first, Paul Schwab 2nd, and Dennis Rizzio 3rd.

The first 8 riders in this event were advanced to ride the expert event - which had only 1 expert. Paul Schwab led the expert event for 8 laps, but was passed by Dennis Rizzio on the 5th lap leaving the 3rd spot for Peter Zloch, our expert on a BSA.

Paul LeMire was right in the groove in Class 4 Expert event. He held onto the first spot all 10 laps. Roy McGirr was in 2nd, but Wally Durso stole it from him halfway through the race. Wally's brother Ralph, out of retirement for today was having a duel with Ken Weinert for 4th place - and he did get in front of him in the last lap. John Leale was holding a third place in this race, but his engine quit, putting him out of action.

John Wassell had a tough break in the Class 5 Amateur event. He held a real good lead and no one could have caught him, but in the 7th lap his engine just died. Donald Boone who held the 2nd was now in the lead with Joe St. Lawrence fending off Charlie Galasso for 2nd. Boone finished with his clutch lever dangling.

True to form - Don Gore either wins - or falls off. Today was his day for falling off. He shot into the lead and got to the corner first followed by Ralph Pinto and Don Pink. Don was holding down the fort for brother Rod who had to perform duties as a god-father today. Gore fell in the first lap leaving Pinto in the lead. Pink passed for the first place in the 3rd lap and held the lead to the end. Pinto braced himself for a battle with Tony Granone for the 2nd spot - and Tony was sizzling right along and settled in that 2nd spot to stay. Meanwhile Gore had fallen a few more times, but worked his way up to the 4th spot, but another spill in the last lap caused him not to finish.

Reported by Leslie Pink. Pink Photos.



Zeke Evans (29) tries hard to overtake Jim Durso (80).



Dennis Rizzio (14), an Amateur, won the progressive Expert final ahead of Paul Schwab (163) and Pete Zloch (12).



John Potter has a comfortable lead in Class 2 Amateur.