

Chrome Nickel tank.txt

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Joined: 03 Aug 2006

Posts: 3

Location: B.C. Canada

Posted: Fri Aug 04, 2006 3:54 pm Post subject: 1931 Scott fuel tank

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Hello all. I purchased a '31 Flying Squirrel Tourer some 6 months ago, in boxes but looks to be complete. I am the 3rd owner and can trace the bike back to day 1. The original owner has since past on but the 2nd I still keep in contact with.

I received some old photos of the bike just before it was taken apart some 20+ years ago. The fuel tank looks to be chrome or nickel plated. which is correct nickel or chrome? Is there a paint scheme on the tank and what color should it be? The photos show the fenders as being blue, what colors were available?

Roger told me to contact a fellow in England but he does not have internet, which will be my next step.

Thanks for any help, Jake

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Jake,

There's a picture on page 138 of John Underhill's 3rd Scott selection of what I think is a machine identical to yours. This uses the single down tube frame and has what is described as a 'chromium plated tank of welded construction of similar shape to the TT Replica'. I've recently purchased a Flying Squirrel of the same year but the tank has long since been painted and I've not had the opportunity to dig under the paint to see if there was ever any plating. Any plated parts on my machine are chromium rather than nickel although I'm uncertain how much of it is original. My machine is, I think a flying squirrel de-luxe with Scott forks and originally had a lighting set although all that's left of it is the magdyno.

Hope this may be of help

Roy Fisher

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Posted: Sat Aug 19, 2006 3:45 pm Post subject:

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Jake,

I was trawling through the web site and noticed your post. I am certainly no expert, but when I looked into having a radiator chromed the company I contacted said that chroming only really arrived in the UK after WWII and before then it would be nickel. However, the note associated with the picture on page 138 of John's 3rd Scott Selection states "1931 Scott Flying Squirrel Tourer with single down tube frame and chromium plated petrol tank, which was now of welded steel construction and similar in shape to the TT replica. Price: 596 cc £68, 498 cc £66"

I would bet on John being right!!!

FYI, I am the Overseas Liaison Officer of the SOC and note that you are in BC where we have two SOC members. If not already applied to become member, you can join the club for £16 (see application form on the web) and the membership secretary will then let me know and, if you wish, I can email your contact details to the other members in your area.

Welcome to Scott owning,

Colin

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Colin Hough  
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Richard Moss has a racing scott with a Plated tank ! it was at the scott gathering & I may be wrong but if the plating is original I think it has the yellowish nickel glow. If you send Richard an e.mail I am sure he would be more than pleased to send you details or a few photographs  
regards  
Trevor

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Richard's bike was built originally by me in 1970 then robbed of bits to build Mk2. Richard has recently replaced the robbed bits and rebuilt the original bike. The bike was built from spares I had from George Silk and was a copy of the single downtube racer George had at that time.

His bike had, what I considered, a very attractive nickel plated tank. I was told that this was an optional extra to replace the biscuit barrel separate tanks. The tank was made from sections that were soldered together and was nickel plated. I took this to Ray Pettit who made me a replica in welded up steel, which I then had plated. Ray is a very gifted artist in metal and I feel privileged that he made this tank for me. Unfortunately, Ray has retired and no longer does this kind of work.

Finding true craftsmen like this becomes more difficult year by year.