

Help Identification

BHBlacky

Joined: 08 Mar 2007
Posts: 17

Posted: Wed Mar 21, 2007 8:59 pm Post subject: Heeeeelp Identification!

Well we finally took the bike down and stripped it to the frame. Seems my recollection of the year etc was off and my partner and I are at odds as to exactly what year etc we have here.

Unfortunately my father acquired this bike originally and informed me it was a "1926 Scott Flying Squirrel TT model"
Not having any other sources of information on the machine at the time it was assumed that he had the correct definition. The more I read here the more I doubt the description.

Eng # Y8891 596cc?

Frame # 1701

Thought it was a TT but I have taken a closer look in the Gallery and it sure looks like the "20's Sport Squirrel" pictured there. I don't have the mud guard etc but do have the panels covering the gear assembly otherwise it looks the same with the exception of the bulged side case and side case mounted oil pump.

Single pipe along right side.

56" wheel base

The carb has the gooseneck, is not straight back.

Mag type M2-G1 #1146

Bulged side covers and a side pump.

5" brake up front.

So far I'm missing the levers at the cylinder for the compression release and the lever for it on the handlebars.
The steering damper and my mud guards which were left behind during a move but may be retrieved with luck.
The drain screw for the cylinder water jacket. I have the petcock, am missing just the screw.
Broken kickstart spring.
Absolutely no lighting. That would be of interest but not absolutely necessary.
Pinch bolts and nuts for lower fork legs.

I've copied the whole Technicalities section but some of the items seem to contradict one another. I voted for 1927+ with reservations and my friend for 1925 which I think is far off base.

We need help from someone who has more accurate information than what we are probably misreading in the Technicalities.

Thanks,

Scott (my real name)

Am I the only one in the states with one of these?

Back to top

Help Identification

Lewis onions

Joined: 02 Jun 2004

Posts: 41

Location: Coleshill, West Midlands

Posted: Thu Mar 22, 2007 4:52 pm Post subject:

Hello Scott,

I have been watching your postings with interest. John Underhill is the club registrar and he will be able to identify your bike for you properly (unfortunately he is not contactable over the net).

However, I now own the 2 Speed Sports Squirrel which is in the picture you linked in one of your messages. It is nearing (!!) completion of a rebuild. My bike's frame number is 2856 and the engine number Y2178A both of which have been confirmed as 1929 items (although not necessarily a matching combination).

I think (and someone will correct me if I am wrong) that all of the Scott works records except those for 1928/9 are with the Vintage Motor Cycle Club's library in Burton on Trent. Members are able to attend and view them and also might receive (without a personal visit) a validation certificate with a lot more information - such as dispatch date, type of magneto and carb. and dealer's details. You might like to approach them.

I think that your bike is earlier than mine. The Y pre-fix applied to standard and Super Squirrel 596 engines (the 1929 sports squirrels were all Supers - I think). The number you have is a 1926 sequence engine so best guess is that it is a standard 1926 596 engine.

Frames are more difficult to date as they did not leave the factory in sequence. However I am aware that 773 is a 1925 frame. Yours might well be 1926.

The Sports Squirrel was a late addition to the 1929 catalogue (it did not appear in the catalogue at all in Autumn 1928). Its only real difference from a 2 Speed Super Squirrel was the "Sports" tank which I think was available separately before 1928 in any event. Yours might have an early sports tank or a later addition.

Finally, Al Perry in New York has a 1930 2 Speed Sports and might be listening in. He helped me with measurements for repairs to my tank - but I know that he is the other end of your Country!

Finally, finally see my postings earlier regarding 20" tyres. Avon still make the ribbed (rather than blocked) tyres you seem to need for racing. They should be readily available in the States - otherwise let me know and I can source some here for you.

Happy Scotting !

Back to top

BHBlacky

Joined: 08 Mar 2007

Posts: 17

Posted: Thu Mar 22, 2007 5:55 pm Post subject:

Help Identification

Thank you for your response Lewis.
N.Y. is only about 1200 miles, not all that far.

I just returned from my warehouse/garage. I've video taped all the parts and hope to get them on a web site so everyone can look at them.

I am now certain that it is the sport model, 2 speed and the 596 per my investigation and your information.

You will be interested to note that a previous owner inserted a twisted piece of flat copper into the carb manifold in order to direct the fuel to the individual intakes. I tried to take a close up and I think it will show when all is done.

We had taken the tire dimensions off of the rubber which had the consistency of charcoal. I am sure it said 26 x 3.00 though.

When I put a tape to the rims I came up with 21" diameter or a bit under which would put me at 20" I am sure and will make the search much easier now.

When I checked my engine and frame numbers in Technicalities, the sequences and numbers did not make sense.

Thank you so much for your input.