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Posted: Sun Aug 26, 2007 9:44 pm Post subject: Pre 1915 Scott: Suitable for two persons ?

To ride pre 1915 runs like the Pioneer Run, Anglo Dutch and Horse Power Run, it would be nice if my wife could join as passenger on my bike. On my 1913 Triumph (3 speed Sturmey Archer hub gear) it is not possible.

Since I enjoy my 1934 Scott FS very much, I was wondering if anyone has experience in riding pre 1915 Scotts with two persons ? It must have power enough, but is there place for a passenger ?

Thanks for your reaction !
Fred

P.S. If you know a nice riding one for sale, please also react.

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Posted: Thu Sep 20, 2007 10:56 am Post subject: Pre 1915 Scott: anyone seen it used with a passenger?

No reactions after 25 days, but if anyone knows that a pre 1915 Scott can be used (or not) with a passenger, please let me know.

It appears that there is one for sale, so it would be nice to know if it will work with a passenger.

Thanks for your reaction !

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Lewis onions

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Posted: Thu Sep 20, 2007 9:26 pm Post subject:

Fred, my guess is that it would depend on the combined weight of the two persons concerned. Frankie Dettori might quite easily get by with A P Mc Coy on pillion. But a combination of Phil Vickery and Pavarotti might be a struggle. Don't fret - just buy it!

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Ian Parsons

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Posted: Fri Sep 21, 2007 6:51 am Post subject:

Veteran Scotts were used with sidecars in WW1 and I know of one member who now has a veteran with a sidecar. If they can manage this then a pillion should be no problem. You would probably need to fit a drive sprocket with fewer teeth on the 2 Speed gear.

The pillion passenger would be seated on the carrier with a suitable cushion.

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Posted: Fri Sep 21, 2007 4:11 pm Post subject:

I imagine the problems faced would be:

- a) Fitting pillion rests with the kickstart at the rear wheel. One picture in The Scott Selection shows a wicker pillion seat set for side saddle use.
- b) the high first gear for getting going from rest with a passenger on the back, probably easier to play with a sidecar attached.

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Posted: Sat Sep 22, 2007 9:10 pm Post subject:

Fred,

My experiences with my 1914 Scott would lead me to agree that it has the power and space to carry two average sized people, but with its standard brakes I would be concerned about stopping !

This is a concern I would have about most veteran bikes, but with Scotts the late Tom Ward devised an external contracting band brake to the rear sprocket/"brake drum", which has been used, also copied more recently, to give a Scott with much more braking effort.

I personally would not be happy to carry a pillion passenger, or fit a sidecar, without making such a modification,

Regards,

David.