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Joined: 08 Jun 2007

Posts: 17

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Posted: Thu Jan 03, 2008 1:29 pm Post subject: 1959 Birmingham side panels(Paniers ?)

New Years greetings to all.

Hopefully someone could help me in locating the side panels under the seat for my 59 Scott. I have it running now thanks to this forum and am just trying to complete the bike as delivered. I think they call these paniers. I assume they are tool boxes but not sure. Perhaps someone with this model could enlighten me. I just rec'd my first copy of the Yowl (December 2007) and will put in an advert there if no progress here. Now if only they sold Castrol R here in North America (Canada). Must get some of that as well.

Any help or guidance again is greatly appreciated.

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Roy Fisher

Joined: 25 Apr 2006

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Location: Coventry

Posted: Thu Jan 03, 2008 5:26 pm Post subject: Birminham Scott toolboxes

Hello Brian,

I have a similar problem with my Birmingham Scott which I bought last year but have yet to do any serious work on. However finding suitable toolboxes was one of the issues to be tackled. As far as I am aware (and perhaps someone can confirm or contradict this) there were two types of similar toolboxes used on the Scott. They were identical except that the lid on the earlier ones was flatter than those used on later versions. Further, the same or similar toolbox was used on other makes of motorcycle manufactured at the time. One of the makers that used a similar toolbox was Royal Enfield. Hence, I purchased a pair of used modern Indian Enfield toolboxes off Ebay which appear to be the same as the later version of the Scott toolbox. There are some additional holes cut in and provision for locks but essentially I think they are the same. Having said all this I've not actually fitted mine yet but you may find that this is worth checking out.

Regards Roy.F

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dave bushell

Joined: 09 Jun 2004

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Posted: Fri Jan 04, 2008 12:45 pm Post subject:

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Hi Brian

Apart from Royal Enfield, I think BSA tool boxes from the '50s and '60s were also used.

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Colin Hough

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Posted: Fri Jan 04, 2008 2:35 pm Post subject:

Guys,

I have a 1959 Brum so can take any photos you might need along with supply dimensions etc.

One is just empty (I use it as a tool box plus oil for petroil mix) and the other holds the battery with just enough space for a few spare plugs.

As I do not look at the forum very often, you will need to email me directly - email address on the inside cover of Yowl.

All the very best for the New Year,

Colin

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Posted: Fri Jan 04, 2008 2:38 pm Post subject:

Guys,

a PS - I took photos of all the Brums at the 2006 gathering (i.e. the 50th year for Brums so a lot turned up) in case they would be useful for me in the future. Hence I have photos of several so could check if they are the same or different.

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Posted: Sat Jan 05, 2008 5:45 pm Post subject:

Hi Colin

Normally the battery is held in a battery frame located in the area between the two tool boxes, the oil tank and mudguard. The only electrical item located in one of my tool boxes is the regulator - my bike being an early Brum (1957) fitted with a dynamo and not an alternator.

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Posted: Sat Jan 05, 2008 6:20 pm Post subject:

Dave,

In my case the 'electrics' (which, by the way have been converted to 12V so may well be an 'after market' modification) are housed in the space between the two tool boxes with the battery in the left hand tool box sitting on a horizontal shelf approx 75mm up (I use the space below for spare plugs). This makes access to the battery for topup charging very easy. From memory (which is now not as good as it was as I demonstrated at the AGM!!!), I think this was also the arrangement on the 1959 Brum I had in the late 1960's. However, my guess is that there was some flexibility depending on who was putting it together on the day.

I have sent photos of my toolbox to Brian along with some general photos taken at the 2006 gathering which show that all were basically the same idea but do not exactly match the shape of the frame around them, so I guess they were probably a standard bought-in item.

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Posted: Sun Jan 06, 2008 11:47 am Post subject:

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Hello all,
Many thanks for the replies to my query on tool boxes for my Brum. Info and photos from Roy and Colin are terrific and hopefully I can find adequate items now I know what I am looking for. Great forum. Excellent source of info, especially for someone who lives where these are extremely thin on the ground. There is a 1947 relatively close by that I will investigate.
Thanks again
Brian