



# Ride on

## Cheapo Cover

TOGETHER WITH THE fountain of Youth and Shangri-La, Cheap Insurance for Motorcycles is one of the quests that many people indulge in without realising any kind of success. It's safe to say that at present insuring a motorcycle in Britain involves parting with punitive amounts of hard case, so it's a welcome relief to see that somebody, somewhere is trying to get the rates reduced.

That the organisation involved is the British Motorcyclists Federation comes as no surprise, because they are perennially involved in trying to get bikers and bikes a better name.

It seems that a BMF member has managed to suss out an

educationally sub-normal insurance broker, no mean feat in these days of attrition. This broker, underwritten by The Beacon Motor Syndicate at Lloyds, is Direct Insurance Services Ltd.

This insurance scheme can offer comprehensive, third party fire and theft, or third party only, with no restrictions on the age of the rider or the make and size of the bike. In addition, if you own more than one bike, you have the option of taking out a multi-bike policy, which charges a premium the same as that for the highest rated vehicle of your collection only, plus a nominal premium raised against the possibility of your other machines catching fire or suffering an act of God while you're out having a burn up on the other one.

A 19 year old person riding a seven year old 250cc British bike, living in Bedford, paid £99 comprehensive with the BMF,

compared to £144 with the Co-op. A 21 year old rider in Stafford with a four year old non-British bike paid £137 with the BMF, compared to £182 with the Co-op. Not bad, hein?

As a more general guide, here are a range of discounts available: 50% discount for bike with sidecar permanently attached, proficiency certificate holder 15%, British bike 10%, acceptance of a voluntary £100 excess in lieu of the normal £25 15%.

Sounds like a good deal to use. And what's more, membership of the BMF entitles you to a whole host of discount goodies, not to mention free copies of their magazine *Motorcycle Rider* every couple of months. And as a special bonus you get, every year, a specially mounted copy of Bruce Preston's old anecdotes and *bon mots*.

Contact the BMF at 225 Coventry Rd, Ilford, Essex IG1 4RF.

## Winning Aintree

BY THE TIME THIS HITS THE stands the best, and most exciting production racing series — whatever else but the Bike/Avon Roadracer series — will have been resolved. Just to keep you up to date, here are the results of Sept 15's Aintree round.

250cc: 1st Mike James (Suzuki), 2nd Kevin Mitchell (X7), 3rd Steve Thomas (X7).

500cc: 1st Phil Usher (Yam 400), 2nd Steve Hodgson (RD400), 3rd Mick Hunt (Laverda Montjuich).

750cc: 1st Ian Austin (GS750), 2nd John Getty (GS750), 3rd Malcolm Hearne (GS750).

1000cc: 1st Pete Davies (Jota), 2nd Ray Hill (GS1000), 3rd Mike James (GS1000).

