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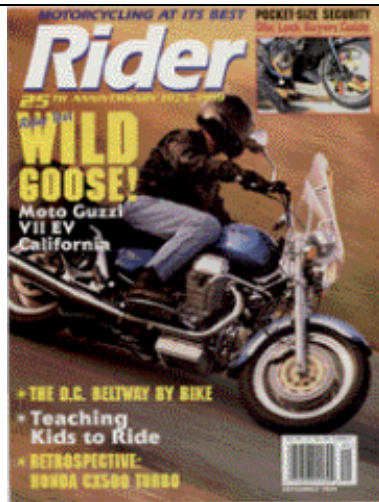


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Ian Smith Information Reports

Just because you've bought a bike that isn't brand spanking new doesn't mean you don't want dish on your wheels. Where to look for dated material? Why, Ian Smith Information. The eight year old company provides laser-printed reports on all motorcycles sold in the U.S. since the 1960's. The collections include all available articles on specific models, ranging from comparisons, to road tests to modification stories. Cost is \$19 per, plus \$4 shipping and handling.

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Rider Sept 1999

Books on Bikes.

Motorcycle Reports are an invaluable source of information for any of you wishing to know-it-all on a specific bike. Each report puts together reprints of all available magazine articles on any machine sold in the USA from the 1960s to the present day. The report I received on the Kawasaki H1 500 (1969 to 1975) consists of high-quality black-and-white laser reprints of the original articles, from such sources as *Rider*, *Cycle World*, *Cycle*, *Cycle Guide* and *Road Rider*. This report is a whopping 145 pages long, consisting of 20 test and comparison articles, plus two articles on the factory road-race version, four hop-up articles, letters addressing problems with the bike, etc. The report is nicely covered and spiral bound.

For more recent machines there are even more sources, such as *Motorcycle Consumer News*, *American Rider*, *Sport Bike*, *Big Twin*, *Battle-2-Win* etc. The reports are quite up-to-date, so even new machines are well covered. I'm told the Honda CBR600F4 report, for example, is up to 56 pages and climbing. A list of available Motorcycle Reports (including the number of articles and a page count) is accessible at www.MCReports.com.



Rider Oct 1996

News on Reports.

Ian Smith Information, producers of the Motorcycle Reports service and providers of back issues of *Rider* and *American Rider*, recently added some additional services. ISI can now provide article reprints from the major motorcycle magazines all the way back to the 1950s. Whether you're looking for a reprint about a '56 BSA Gold Star or a '96 Yamaha Royal Star, ISI can help. Full reports are available for over 400 machines at a cost of \$19 for the first full report, and additional reports are only \$14.

ISI also has many original magazine back issues, including some complete collections of *Rider*, *Road Rider* and *Cycle*. Smith can also tell you which issues contain the articles you're interested in. For more information contact Ian Smith Information, P.O. Box 9440, Denver, Colorado 80209; (303) 777-2385. Fax (303) 777-3560 or email ian@MCReports.com.

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Ian Smith Information Motorcycle Reports.

IF YOU'RE PLANNING to buy a used motorcycle or have an older bike you'd like to know more about, Motorcycle Reports provides a wealth of information. They are available from Ian Smith Information, a motorcycle information service for most post-1960 machines. Request information on a particular bike, and ISI will provide reprints of all available test articles, hop-up articles, editorials and letters from a wide variety of magazines. When I decided to buy my 1988 Honda Hawk GT 650, I knew all I needed to know: It felt right and a trusted friend gave the bike two thumbs up. As the new owner of a used motorcycle, however, I couldn't seem to get enough information. I longed for articles and reviews of my motorcycle, but nobody reviews 7-year-old machines. That's when I learned about Motorcycle Reports. I was impressed by the comprehensiveness of the report I received. Spiral-bound into a package about the size of a single magazine, was a collection of articles, new product reports and even letters to the editor all about my bike.

The report included seemingly everything written on the Hawk during the three years it was produced. I got enough specs and performance evaluation information to make even the most ardent statistic freak happy. Luckily for me, everything I read justified my decision to buy a Hawk, but for my next purchase, I think I'll order reports on any bikes I may be considering before I buy. The first report will cost you \$19. Additional reports are only \$14. A bargain in my eyes considering how much most publishers charge for back issues or reprints, if such services are even available. And there's no gauging how much you'll save in time and phone calls. ISI also provides single back issues and article reprints of MCN, Rider, American Rider and others. www.mcreports.com.

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