



### 1990 HONDA INFO

Expect Honda to change the hue of the red shade, revise internal suspension components, improve airbox breathing/access and update the styling. The updated forks are extremely good. CG is even lower with the new flatter tank. Sources say the motor is really good. We've been told that 19-inch rear wheels will not show up next year.

### 1990 KAWASAKI

All the big MXers will receive Kayaba upside-down forks. The KX125 and 250 will feature major chassis updates to improve rider comfort and handling. The frame will incorporate a road race/street style perimeter design which uses twin

box section beams from the steering head to the swingarm pivot for greater triangulation. Due to the excellent feedback Kawasaki has received regarding this year's 500, don't expect major changes.

### 1990 KTM

How about a 540 DXC to guarantee "first man to the bomb" starts in the desert? Yes, it's true! The 125 and 250 will be styled after the bikes that Americans Broc Glover, Bobby Moore, Trampas Parker and Mike Healey are using to set the European GPs on fire. All KTM models will feature a bold new look that promises to be a head-turner. The motocross models will come with 19-inch Metzlers out back.

### 1990 BW490

While out in the desert practicing hill-climbs (see page 20), we spotted several Yamaha box vans huddled in a corner at Jawbone Canyon. After crawling through the bushes for 30 minutes, we managed to snap photos of their test bike. This creation is a YZ490 motor stuffed into a BW200 frame with a wildly extended swingarm. Could it be that we'll finally see a liquid-cooled open-class Yamaha in 1990 and they're looking for something to do with the old 490 motors?

### HOT TIDBITS

- Out of action: Suzuki 125 GP competitor and current number 3 **Pedro Tragter** of Holland will miss a few rounds after injuring his wrist in a practice crash.

- Number 2 Dutch Suzuki rider **Dave Strijbos** is having a knee worked on, so will miss most of the remaining events.

- Race the Baja 1000 on a loaner ATK 604 Electric Start with full pit support? ATK is providing a program that anyone can qualify for. Call (213) 722-4795 for more info.

- Speedway star Shawn Moran was DQ'd from the World Long Track Championships after he **tested positive for drinking** in a qualifier in Denmark. Moran said he had some beers to fight the pain from a bad crash the week before.

- The Des Moines Enduro Riders have challenged everybody to take on a "**really tough enduro.**" Reach them at (512) 274-3656 for more info on the September 10 Winterset National Enduro in Iowa.

- Don't forget the **Toys For Tots** Hare Scramble put on by Proffer Promotions in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps. Event date is November 12 at East Palestine, Ohio. Contact is (216) 538-2220. All proceeds in the form of purchased toys and cash will be forwarded to needy children.

- **ICO (504) 882-3107 does it again!** The recently released Autocal Odometer automatically adjusts your wheel size to match the course layout mileage for utmost calibration. Check the mileage marker and if the odo is off, easily set it to

compensate for the discrepancy ratio for the rest of the event. For every unit that was sold in the month of July, \$5 was donated to the ISDE Ride To Win fund.

- **Ex-Supercross and motocross champion (1982 titles) Donnie Hanson** phoned to tell us that he will compete in the Vet Experts at Mammoth Mountain MX, Perris Raceway's Vet Nationals and the NMA's Ponca City Amateur Championships. He also mentioned that Holeshott Raceway in Palestine, Texas will be opening its gates on July 23 for bi-weekly MX events. Call (214) 584-3553.

- Moose Racing (800-MOOSEIT) still has WR tranny kits available for '85-'89 (and probably '90) CR500s. Honda has run out of CR250 kits and the 500 kit is rapidly becoming extinct.

