

Still lighter, now righter

PIONEER SUPERFICATION

by the Staff of DIRT BIKE

Back along about September we tested the 250 Ossa Super Pioneer. We liked it. We also mentioned some of the modifications that could be made to make the lightest 250 production enduro around righter.

So there we were minding our own business when we noticed that Jim Connolly had a Super stashed in the back of his camper, right next to ol' Number 1C. He'd borrowed it from Hockie's Motorcycles. The superfied Super turned out to be a pleasant experience for all who climbed aboard. The two most readily noted changes were better suspension and more bottom end grunt.

Hockie's reworked the stock Betor shocks internally, added eight-ounce coolers and five-weight oil, 90/120 Betor springs and mounted them upside down. The shock rebuild with coolers is \$40. The pair of springs runs \$16. The bottom shock mount was moved forward to a point 11 inches from the swingarm pivot. That runs \$45.

Jim was under the impression that some flywheel weight had been added. Everybody who rode it didn't question his statement. He was wrong, though. Stock flywheel, so the extra bottom end must come from the pipe. Hockie's took the stock up-pipe, and cut and reshaped it into a downpipe, making a new (shorter) head section. That runs \$65. Then they fit a Phantom bash plate to protect the downpipe. The plate with mounting tabs thrown in is approximately \$28.

Additional item. A bolt-on chain tensioner from Graham's Sheet Metal (7325 Greenbush, North Hollywood, California 91605; [213] 764-1808). It sells for \$19.95, with replacement springs and rollers available at two bucks each.

Up front the travel was increased



The bike we rode also had the stock air box. It was evident the first time we hit the water. Glub, cough, drown. A Hoss Industries air box has since been added. It's larger, has a greater breathing capacity and is covered, the key ingredient unless you happen to have a full roll of gray tape around. It retails for \$42.

Let's see. Adding it all up, it's a bit more than \$250. Is it worth it? Sure. Hockie's address is 22025 South Figueroa, Carson, California 90744; (213) 328-1242.

The bike is so light it just doesn't feel like a 250. Throw it around like a smaller machine, and now the rear end behaves great for a woods bike. Zeal disappeared with the bike and came back later grinning because he had crashed. Strange behavior, you ask? No. Said he was having so much fun, goin' so much faster than he could on the stocker, that he just got goin' over his head without the usual trepidations. Then he dusted himself off and kept on gassin'. Unanimous verdict: The Super Superfication works, it's worth it.

