

Ride On



Coming Events

Rally Round

ALL YOU hard-working student motorcyclists should get your heads out of the pages of Lord of The Rings and take in the National Union of Students three-day annual bike rally from

Roadrunning

THE AVON/BIKE Magazine Roadrunner production bike championship for the road-going machines you can identify with kicks off next month with the first round at Snetterton on April 2. Riders and machines will be tested to the full as the competition moves around the country using eight circuits for the ten-round, £3,200 series. Other dates are Cadwell Park, May 1; Donington Park, May 14; Mallory Park, May 28; Oliver's Mount (Scarborough) July 1/2; Snetterton, August 20; Brands Hatch, September 3; Snetterton, October 15; Carnaby, October 22. The Oulton Park date has still to be arranged.

Each round is incorporated into a national status meeting and the main rule change for this year is that big bore kits are not allowed. The biggest difference between the 1978 and previous series will come in a stricter application of the rules. Avon Competitions Manager Alan Blake is out to make sure his regulations stick and any competitor found cheating could well forfeit any championship points he's gained. The *only* permitted modifications allowed are on the routing of the standard silencers, footrest position, seat shape, type of handlebars

March 10 to 12 inclusive.

This year's host is the University of East Anglia in Norwich and the entry fee of £1 per head gets you involved in all the conventional rally-type happenings. There'll be a concours competition for best and rattiest bikes, three treasure hunts (how jolly nice) and a slow riding competition.

The more energetic bikers can enjoy light-hearted pursuits like welly throwing, tug-o-war and then you can all get zonked out of your brains listening to a live band and disco.

But get there early, as the rally will be run on a first-come-first-served basis because camping and washing facilities will only accommodate 200 bikers. And, only members from clubs affiliated either to the NUS or the ACU will be admitted.

Interested parties should write to University of East Anglia Bike Club, University Plain, Norwich, Norfolk NR4 7TJ, for further information.

(except clip-ons), air filters, brake pad and lining material. Tyres with racing compounds will, again, not be allowed.

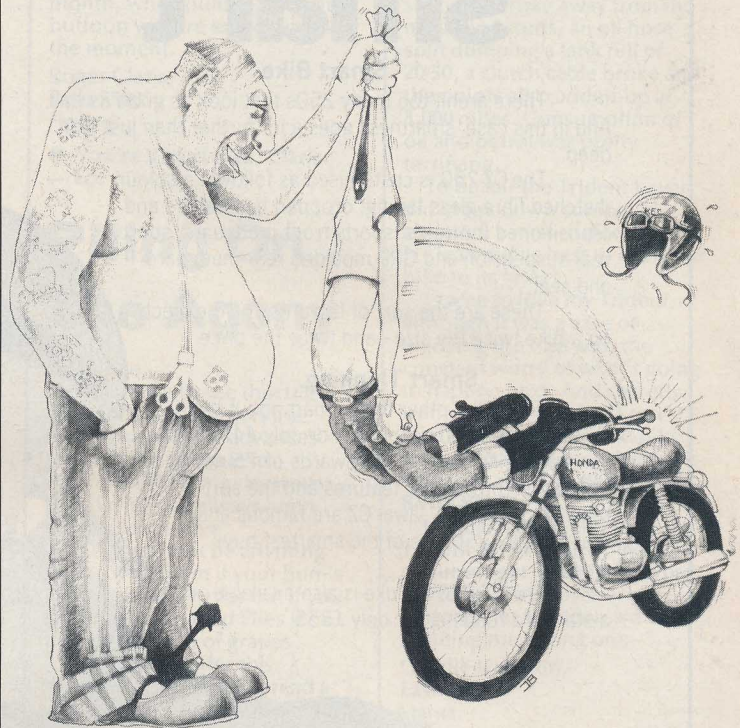
This hard-line approach is all to make sure that the machines you'll see competing, Moto Guzzi and Ducati vee-twins, Honda, Kawasaki and Suzuki fours, two-stroke Yamahas, Tridents and Commandos to name but a few, really are like the machines you can buy from a dealer.

Bike will present awards to the first finishers in each class — up to 250cc, 251-500cc, the new 501-750cc category, and the up-to-1000cc machines, to make sure the riders get the recognition they deserve, on the day, immediately after the race.

What's more members of our haggard editorial staff will be at the meetings to bring you the low-down on the machines, riders and personalities in regular *Bike* features. Further information and series regulations are available from Alan Blake, Avon Rubber Co Ltd, PO Box 2, Bath Road, Melksham, Wilts. See y'all at Snetterton.

Right: John Sear on the Sports Motorcycles' Moto Guzzi Le Mans hustles for Avon Roadrunner championship points at Cadwell Park last year.

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'If I gives yer 700 quid ter buy a new AJS 250 I expects yer to buy an AJS 250. No son O'mine rides Jap crap...'

