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1969 Triumph Tiger

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This is my 1969 tr6r [Tiger]. I bought it in 1986. It was bone stock except for the saddle bags and a repainted gas tank. In the winter of '92 I personally rebuilt the top w/ 10.5 to 1 pistons, and had the gas tank fenders side cover and oil tank painted. Since then I've returned it to stock compression. Dale Matteson of Dales Cycles did the top and bottom at that time. There is a little more than 30,000 on her now, 10,000 of those in the past 2 years.

For you techies I'll include the following; When Dale did the rebuild, I had him replace the drive sprocket and added 1 more tooth. Later, I replaced the rear sprocket and chain. Dale also polished the timing, gearbox and primary cases, put on new tires, tubes and brakes. The build included a new crankshaft and longer duration exhaust cam. I put a new exhaust system on to include all hardware in '97. At that time I repainted the seat pan and recovered the seat, rebushed the swing arm and added tapered roller bearings to the front end. In '05 it got a new oil tank and the rear loop, side cover, oil tank and headlight brackets were painted.

Last year '08 I ported and polished the intake manifold and Dale rebuilt one of my Norton carbs and installed it. I also had the gauges rebuilt and put on new cables to each. Oh, I also replaced the ammeter with one from the Norton. Other than that this poor bike has been completely neglected. Plans for the future are Boyer ignition and an oil filter. Hope you enjoy it as much as I do. Which is nearly impossible, because I get to ride it. After riding it fellow BBC member, Tom Rassman said " It rides as nice as it looks'I have to agree with him.

