



## **BBC Member Featured British Motorcycle** **Rare 1962 Triumph Thunderbird Bathtub 650**

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*Just* on the outskirts of Milwaukee Wis., stored in the corner of a garage in many boxes was the skeleton of a 1962 650cc Thunderbird Bathtub. This classic, picked up by Dale Matteson and brought back to his shop in Walworth, Wis. proved to be a very trying bike to restore, due to the unavailability of the original parts. The unpopularity of this bathtub model meant few were imported into the United States, making this 650 cc a real treasure for anyone who has a true passion for triumph motorcycle's. As you can see in the photos, this machine has been restored with Matteson's eye for detail. So had you walked into a Triumph dealership in 1962, you would have found no difference between the 650cc on the floor and this one that Dale has completed in 2008. With the completion of this bike, it now has a proud new owner,  
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