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## THIS MONTH'S COVER

Our photographer caught John Penton on his 175 N.S.U. traversing the deep mud of a 24 mph section of the Corduroy Enduro. Needless to say other parts of this nine mile section were somewhat easier.

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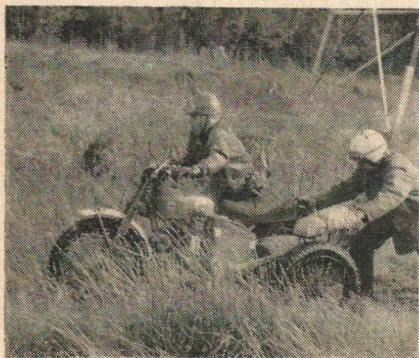
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## CORDUROY ENDURO

JOHN PENTON WINS 400 MILE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

by Ron Jackson



3 wheels and 4 legs. Hart Kennedy and passenger Marsh Ansley in a 30mph section.

Once again the Canadian Enduro championship was decided over the rugged 400 mile course of the Corduroy Enduro. The run was organized by the British Empire Motor Club and was held on October 3 and 4 in the scenic Haliburton Highlands 100 miles north-east of Toronto.

The overall winner was John Penton of Lorain, Ohio on a 175 cc NSU. Riding the run for the second year, Penton came up with a winning combination of hustle and muscle to score a convincing 957. Second overall and winner of the Best Opposite Class award was Roy Hartman of Plymouth, Michigan who rode a 500 BSA to a score of 929. "Reliable Roy" is becoming something of a tradition at the run since he has finished either first or second for three consecutive years.

Bert Weisz of Windsor, Ontario won the Lightweight Championship on a 250 Dot with 879. Sheldon Smith, president of the Canadian Motorcycle Association proved he is no "chairborne" executive by taking the Mediumweight Championship with a score of 915. Winner of the event in 1956, Smith was top Canadian this year. The Heavyweight Championship was won by Don Brice of Pontiac, Michigan riding a 55 inch Harley Davidson to a score of 908. George Davidson and A. W. Ryan of Toronto who went 148 miles on a 500 cc AJS outfit, topped the flourishing new sidecar class. Although no team finished intact, the

trio of Smith, Sharpless and Webster, fielded by the Nortown MC of Toronto went the greatest total distance and earned the Gold Rock Team award.

In the opinion of the entrants, the course was rough but rideable. Unfortunately, ten days of rain prior to the run made two of the water crossings deep enough to give some riders trouble. Average speeds alternated between 24 and 30 mph except for a five mile stretch, where 15 mph proved more than a match for the entry. Once again Gold Rock Lodge was used as headquarters for the run throughout the weekend.

Hart Kennedy and Marsh Ansley of Toronto were first away at 8.01 on Saturday morning. Their 500 cc Ariel outfit took them 28.8 miles until they smashed a timing cover on a rock. Undaunted, they made a 200 mile round trip to Toronto for spares and completed Sunday's route just for kicks! Meanwhile the rest of the entry pressed on with Saturday's 227 miles of rough lumber trails, and winding back roads spiced with river crossings and swamps. It proved to be a potent mixture since exactly half the entry failed to reach the finish on Saturday afternoon.



Hugh Lim gets a hand from Dave Jones over a Sunday morning Beaver dam.



At the end of the first day the finishing order was Penton (979), S. Smith (956), Webster (955), N. Smith (950), Brice and Hartman (947), Sharpless (946). Clearly another day was required to sort out these eager beavers!

After a wonderful turkey dinner at the Lodge, most of the riders went to bed in good time to prepare for an early start in the morning.

Sunday morning featured several rough trails, a couple of water crossings and a beaver dam. The afternoon was a little easier although the 30 mph average called for plenty of hustle. A field full of cedar stumps along a power line just before the final check gave the surviving stump-jumpers a final chance to flex their aching muscles.

Most of the riders were finished by 4.00 o'clock which allowed time for a trip to the Finnish steam bath (just the thing for aches and pains) before welcome dinner at the Lodge. Meanwhile the checkers totalled the results from the 31 checkers to see who had won the silverware. The results were announced at 8.00 p.m. and the trophies were presented in a highly informal ceremony very much in keeping with the character of the establishment and of the event.

The layout crew were very gratified by the enthusiasm and sportsmanship of all those participating. Win or lose they all enjoyed a sporting weekend in the Corduroy tradition—which, after all, is the reason for running the event.

### What About Next Year?

Next year's Corduroy Run will be held on October 1 and 2, 1960. The dates are subject to confirmation at the CMA Sanction meeting in January, 1960, however by announcing them at this time the organizers hope to minimize any conflict with American events the same weekend.

The BEMC wishes to thank the following for their generosity in donating trophies for the event: Firths Motorcycles Ltd., Russell Winter & Co., Percy A. McBride Ltd., Toronto Harley Davidson, and Ron and Eve White. We also wish to thank Les North for the use of Gold Rock Lodge and Bill Hastings for providing the films and the P.A. Finally our thanks to the faithful group of checkers without whom there could be no run.

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