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YAMAHA 350 TR-2 Announces a Number of Victories

Since the release of the TR-2, a sister motorcycle to the great TD-1 racer, it has been welcomed by enthusiasts in many parts of the world. Its ability, needless to say, is the most, and news of signal victories has been received in succession from the circuits of the world.



Yamaha TR-2 made an impressive debut in a race at Brands Hatch. With his world double championship in 1968, Phil Read breezed off in a big way to set a new world lap time record for the 350cc class. He also renewed the 1000cc world's fastest lap time established by him nine years ago. Photo shows Phil Read and his Yamaha TR-2. (From the "Motorcycle.")



R. Toombs and his Yamaha TR-2, speeding for winning the Junior Grand Prix championship in the Bathurst T.T. Race.



O.T. Wing, Southeast No.1 racer, and his wife on a Yamaha TR-2. He is a champion in the Selangor Grand Prix, Malaysia.

Overwhelming YAMAHA Victory

Selangor Grand Prix

The YAMAHA TR-2, a 350cc stork racer, which has made a name for itself throughout the world as the new YAMAHA machine, went to victory again with its dominating power at the Selangor Grand Prix held in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia on April 13th.

This 50 Lap 105 Mile Race for the Selangor Grand Prix had no restrictions on exhausts. The rider of glory who competed in the race with such heavy-weights as 500cc and 650cc machines was Champion Ou Teck Wing of Malaysia Motorcycle Sports participating from Wing Niang (M) Bhd. The YAMAHA 350 TR-2 of Ou Teck Wing made a superb start and was on top all the way leaving other riders far behind after only 5 laps. The only machine who managed to challenge him was the Norton Atlas 750 cc of C. W. Howell with doubled exhausts. But even this machine was forced to drop out from overpacing at the 9th lap. The YAMAHA 350 TR-2 of Ou Teck Wing added laps one after another with much still in reserve and grandly won the victory with the time of 1 hour 28 minutes 14.1 seconds.

YAMAHA went to a clear victory in the 20 Lap 42 Mile Race for the over 250cc class. In this race, Champion Ou Teck Wing won the victory with ease on a YAMAHA TD-1C with more than 20 seconds to spare over the Kwan Special 650cc of Tham Biug Kwan.

What's more, in the 10 Lap 21 Mile Race for the 100cc Class (up to 100cc), YAMAHA was piloted to victory by Champion T. Ewjong with twin jets, thus taking three victories out of four at the Selangor G.P.

The Selangor Racing Circuit where races were held is 2.11 miles in overall length. It is flat all the way but incorporates several difficult curves including the famous Rothmans Corner.

With an over- whelming victory

Bathurst T. T.

At the Junior Grand Prix held at Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia, on Easter Sunday this year, Champion Ron Toombs set a new record for the route to take the victory. He was already undisputed champion. But with the appearance of this new and powerful 350 racer, his dominancy is expected to continue even longer.



The start of a race draws the keenest attention of a large gathering of spectators at the Selangor Grand Prix.



There's not a rider who wouldn't like to get this close to O.T. Wing and his Yamaha TR-2.



Australian champion R. Toombs and his TR-2.



O.T. Wing receiving congratulations from Hayashibara of Yamaha Asia.

YAMAHA 250 DT-1 Showing More and More Promise



Reports of victories have been received from just about everywhere for the YAMAHA 250 DT-1 which was put on sale just a little after the TR-2 and has been showing remarkable results at the motocrosses since then.



Demonstrating his superb riding skill, T. Gibson is heading for the goal by a big margin.

DT-1 & AT-1 Win Victory in Four Classes

At the Dirt Scramble race held in Brisbane, Australia, the YAMAHA 125 AT-1 and YAMAHA 250 DT-1 manifested overwhelming power. Especially, the AT-1 took victories in two events, with only standard equipment, just as it arrived only a short time before the race. DT-1 won two victories in the 250cc and 500cc classes sweeping everything before it.

YAMAHA Champion

In New Zealand in the south, too, the motorcycle sport is quickly becoming the fad.

The photograph shows rider T. Discombe, who became the national champion in the 250cc class, as he participates in the race on a YAMAHA 250 DT-1, brought into the country only a month before the race.

This welcome news was sent in by W. White Co., an agent of YAMAHA in Auckland, New Zealand.

This was a very delightful piece of information as it indicates that YAMAHA is coming along well in New Zealand, too.



On his Yamaha 250 DT-1, T. Discombe has become a new national champion in New Zealand.

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YAMAHA TOPICS IN COLORS

YAMAHA in Viet Nam

Even in Saigon, constantly under the strain of war, a peaceful scene was seen. Here a beautiful Vietnamese girl has come to the flower market, on her Yamaha, her attractive Ao-Dai goes perfectly with the design of her Yamaha - an interesting combination.



Vietnamese beauty and the colorful Ao-Dai on the Yamaha put to shame the surrounding flowers



Tokyo Boat Show

At the Boat Show held in Tokyo every year prior to the summer water season, YAMAHA Corner was the most popular of all. YAMAHA, the major boat manufacturer in Japan, occupied the largest space among the 40 participating companies and presented everything from 16m class cruisers and out board engines to row boats. The more than 100 items on exhibition were inspected with interest by young people, family groups and everybody else.



An overall picture of the YAMAHA Corner. The mobile displays drew everyone's attention.

Miss YAMAHA in her sailor suit adds gaiety to the Exhibition.



YAMAHA Lady Patrol

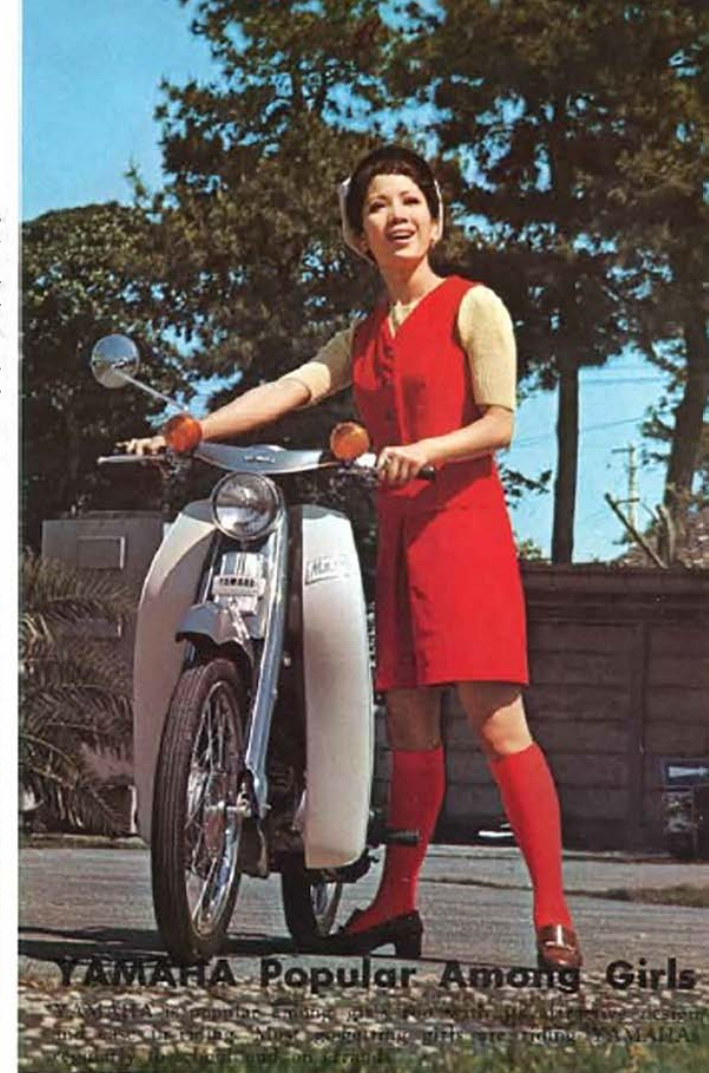
Nagaoka City of Japan is near the locale of the novel "Yukiguni" written by Yasunari Kawabata, the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. Here in this city a lady traffic patrol team was organized. The ladies are conscientiously using their YAMAHA Mates painted white for traffic control and guidance.



Member(s) of the Patrol Team saluting with dignity.



The Team parades in front of the brass band at the organization ceremony.



YAMAHA Popular Among Girls

YAMAHA is popular among girls too. In fact, the girls' custom is to ride a Yamaha. Many of the girls are riding YAMAHA.

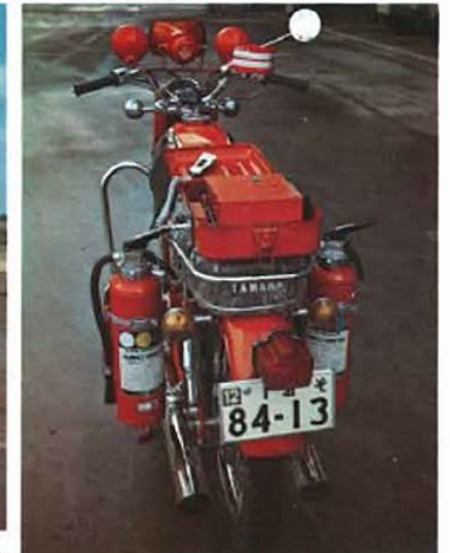
YAMAHA Fire Engine

Something new has been added to the largest lake in Japan. A YAMAHA fire engine has made its debut in Kusatsu City, situated on the southern end of Lake Biwa, near the ancient capital city of Kyoto.

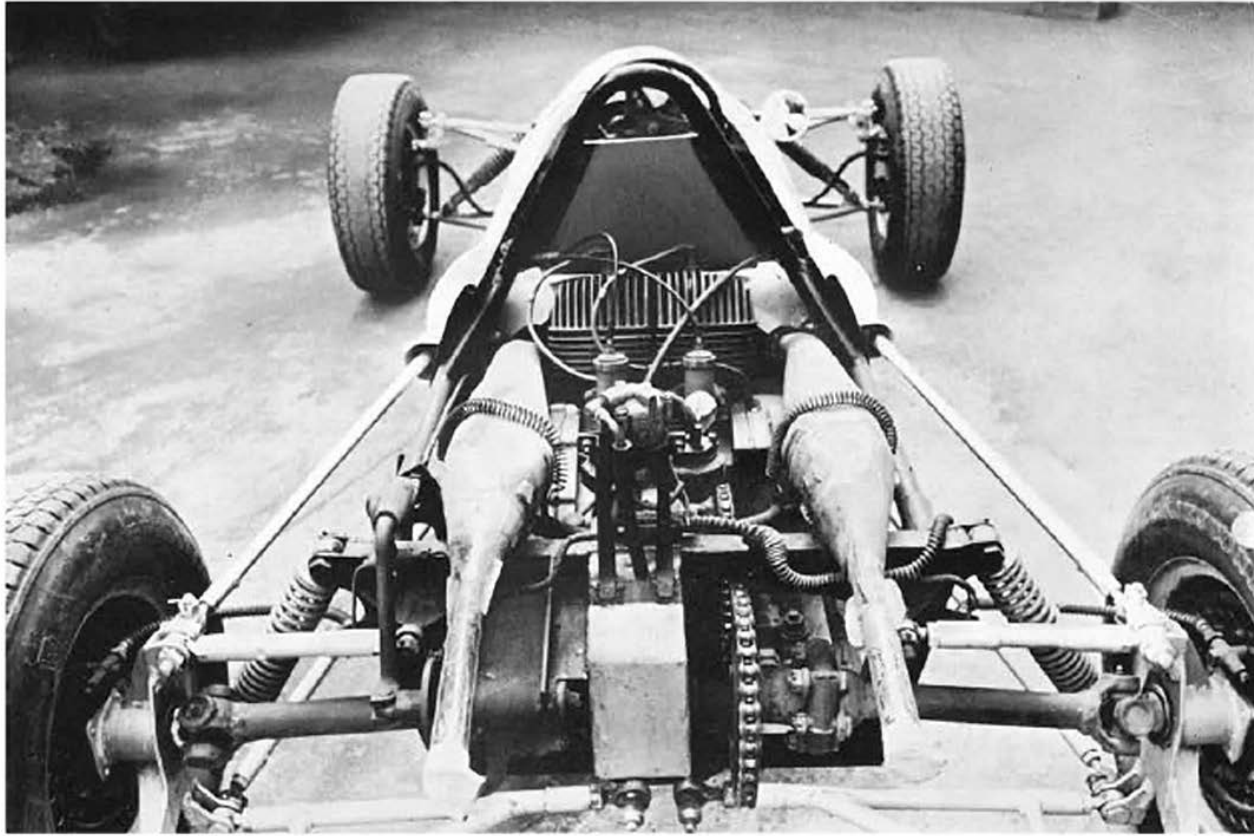
Selected because of its superior mobility in comparison with the conventional four-wheeled fire engine, the YAMAHA fire truck is capable of completely putting out small fires using only the extinguisher fitted to the engine. Its greater mobility enables it to reach fires faster, thus increasing the chances of putting out fires at the earliest stage.



The YAMAHA fire engine reassures the public not only by its ability to extinguish fires, but also by its ability to pass through narrow roads with no difficulty.



Firemen are trained daily to increase their speed and mobility.



Racing drivers place their greatest trust in the Yamaha engine.



The club house of Racing Mate Route 246 and Mr. K. Mochizuki, the producer.



The mini F-4 car mounted with the Yamaha engine is attracting the keenest attention on the course.

F-4 is powered by Yamaha

So many big and attractive machines were exhibited, but spectators' interest focussed on the 250cc F-4 car at the 2nd Tokyo Racing Car Show recently held at Harumi pier, Tokyo.

It was mounted with the engine of the Yamaha TD-1B which has established an unmatched reputation as the No.1 production racer in the world.

The F-4 was on display at the Show as the mascot car of the motorist club called Racing Mate Route 246, Yamato city, Kanagawa Pref.

"We are quite satisfied with the Yamaha 2-stroke engine", said Mr. Kiyoshi Mochizuki, the producer of the car as well as the club leader. "We can place the greatest trust in the Yamaha engine which is light in weight but dynamic in performance," he said.

The F-4 car is now gaining more popularity as the most accessible racing machine. The newcomer mounted with a high performance bike will stir up fresh enthusiasm of the youth around the world.

YAMAHA Topics

Contributions Invited

Just send us pictures you've taken of stories, interesting happenings or, extraordinary incidences—anything if it's about YAMAHA. A commemorative gift will be sent to those subscribers whose pictures are accepted for publication.

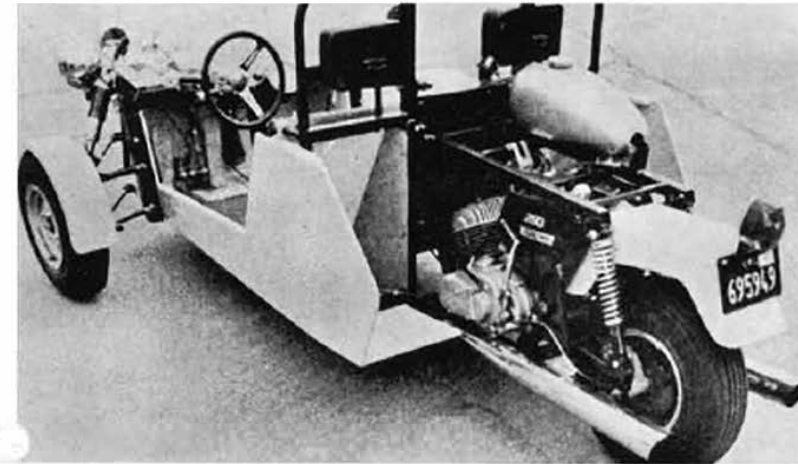
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YAMAHA 16 METER FRP BOAT
Another large-sized, 20-knot Yamaha FRP cruiser has made its appearance in public service.

The Tenryu Maru, a fishery control boat for Shizuoka Prefecture, home of the Yamaha head office, is 15.5 meters long, with a maximum width of 4.1 meters, a depth of two meters and gross tonnage of 27 tons.

A high-capacity boat, it cruises at 20 knots, using two 320-horsepower engines. Yamaha FRP boats are becoming more and more popular for special purposes because of their great strength and durability.



YAMAHA CYCLECAR A hybrid between a motorcycle and a motorcar, the YAMAHA Cyclecar has proved to be a popular best-seller in the United States. With the twin output equipment of the YAMAHA 250, the Cyclecar has the added advantage of 85% of the capacity of the original.

How about building one for yourself?

DELIVERIES ON YAMAHA EVERYBODY LIKES TO HAVE HIS NEWSPAPER DELIVERED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. At the Akishige Newspaper Shop in Hanno City of Saitama Prefecture, an adjoining prefecture to Tokyo, all deliveries are made on YAMAHA's. The efficiency of delivery has shot way up, thanks to the YAMAHA's which bound easily up even the steep slopes.



Rallies are Enjoyable



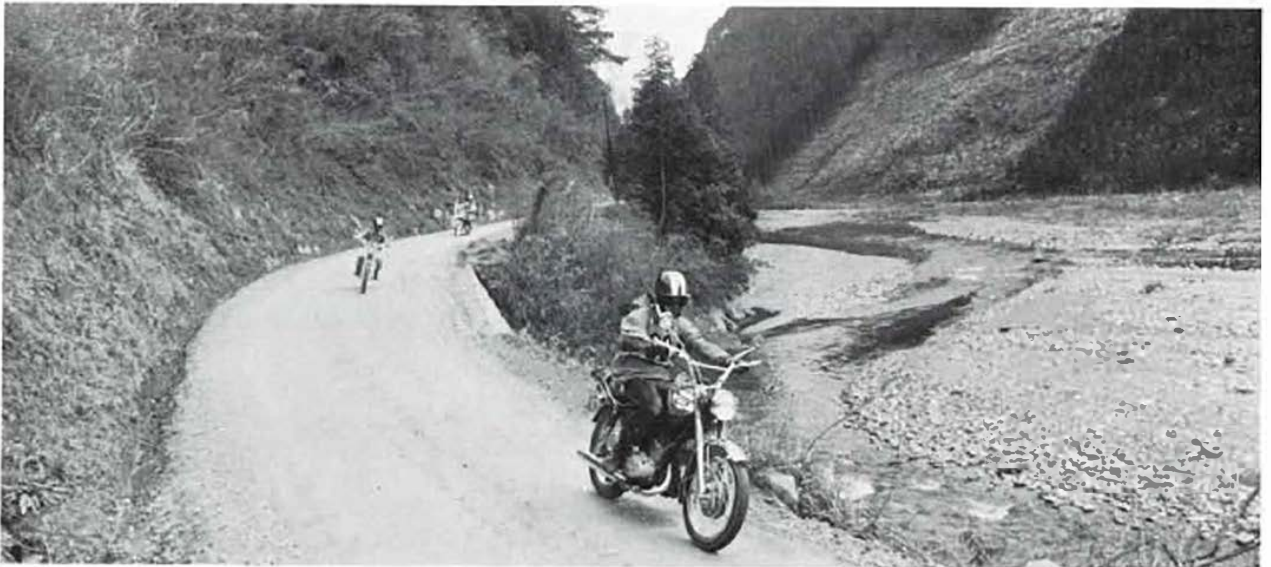
Four motorcycles each make the start of the rally at intervals of one minute.



Preparations are all set.



What about the results?



Hard but nice all the same. Surprising enough, they look as though they are really enjoying a tour.

Something more to the liking of those who are reluctant to compete at speeds of 100 to 200 km/hr, is the rallies. Since all that is required is to cover the designated route within the designated time, it is almost the same as touring. This sport wherein minus points are given whenever the time falls above or below the designated time, with no points at all when the time is exactly as designated, is the more interesting the more you play. So, let us introduce here the groups of YAMAHA fans who participated in the rallies held in Shizuoka Prefecture in Japan.

The Sanko Touring Mates Group of Shimizu City, Shizuoka Prefecture was started in the spirit of "Do Everything Possible". In this city of Shimizu, there is Shimizu Port from which YAMAHA motorcycles are shipped, and there is Mt. Fuji, the greatest mountain of all Japan in the background.

This group was started this spring with Mr. Fumikazu Ito as president. Mr. Ito is 58 years old. The vice-president is Mr. Kotaro Suzuki who is 51. However, most of the members are teenagers, the average age being 19. Every Sunday, the more than 30 motorcycles running in a procession with the riders in uniform helmets is quite a spectacle. The members own different models, some being D.F-1 and some 350 Sports.

So, they participated in the Rally. Since it was their first appearance, the results were not as good as they had hoped having had little experience. However, the president and the vice-president were awarded prizes for the oldest participants.