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Robert rears up for a 100-yd. wheelie, while Roger deCoster circles in the background ready to try to prove that anything Joel can do, he can do better!

# A Day in the Desert

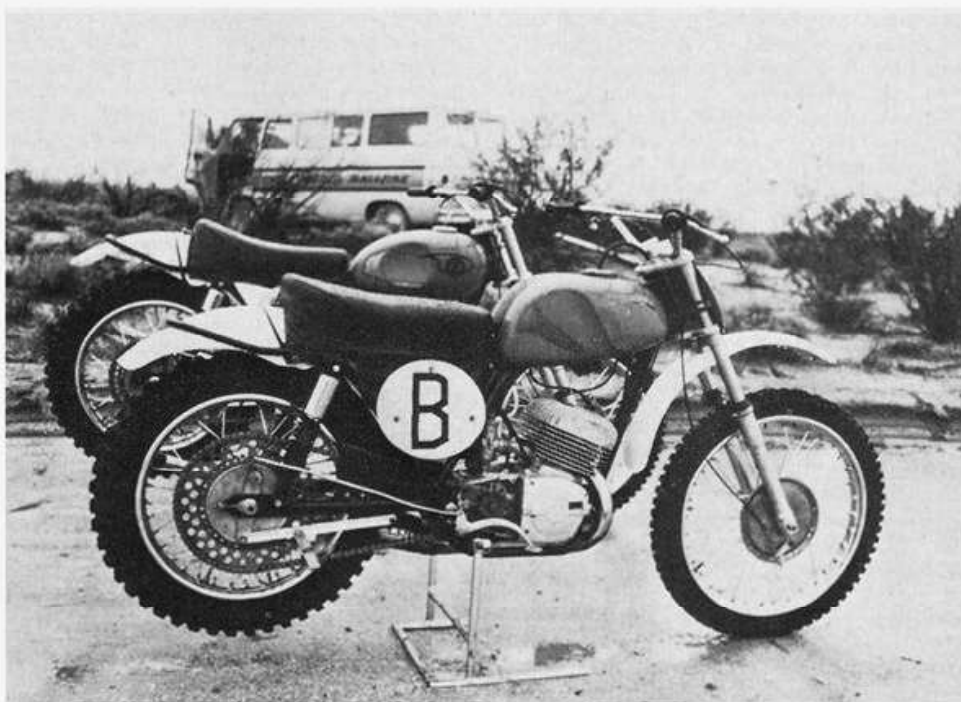
Or, Doing It Our Way

**I**T'S NOT OFTEN that motorcycle journalists get a chance to go desert riding with three of the biggest names in European motocross. Conversely, European racers don't often get into the California desert, so a recent *CYCLE WORLD* expedition with the CZ team into the wild country east of Willow Springs raceway was something of an occasion for both parties.

Storming the Mojave desert with Dave Bickers, Joel Robert, and Roger deCoster were *CW* publisher Joe Parkhurst on his Matchless Metisse, Editor Ivan Wagar on one of the latest twin-port Suzuki motocross bikes, Managing Editor Dave Epperon on Mike Burke's 650-cc Triumph desert sled, Lesco's Jerry Platt on a GYT kitted Yamaha 250-cc single-cylinder, fresh from Japan, and longtime desert fox Bud Ekins on his Triumph Metisse.

It poured rain all day, but that didn't stop the party from covering many miles across some of the most popular hare and hounds country in Southern California.

Did the Europeans enjoy their first taste of desert trailing? Just take a look at the accompanying pictures . . . !!!



These are the bikes that make champions, 250- and 380-cc CZs lined up on the damp, desert road.



Sunday afternoon ride! Joel Robert reckoned the Triumph desert sled gave him his most comfortable cross-country ride ever. It hardly matched up to the CZ, however, said Joel!



"Hark! The Indians are coming." Joel Robert hears something stirring in the boonies, but Jerry Platt (facing camera) and Ivan Wagar aren't worrying.



Publisher Parkhurst rode the 380 CZ.



Joel Robert drives his CZ up the wall of a steeply banked sand wash