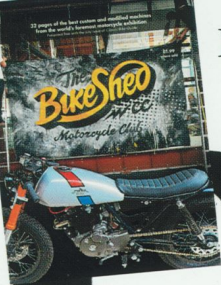


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# Classics on dirt

*There's a new movement for old race bikes. And it's all about turning left. Sideways*

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**P**RODUCTION-BASED, DIRT track racing has been the lifeblood of American motorcycle racing for years but it's only become a part of British motorcycle sport in recent years.

Although there are really top class competitors, like former speedway star and three-time British Dirt Track champion Aiden Collins (a Honda UK-backed rider), Suzuki-backed Peter Boast and official Team Kawasaki rider 15-year-old Oliver Brindley who has raced and beat the best kids in the States (he's the son of former World Sidecar racer Derek who is also a top dirt tracker these days!), the racing itself is incredible fiercely fought, yet the sport is still at grass (dirt?) roots level.

That means it's free to get in, the paddock is a wonderful, easy-going place to wander round to check out the bikes and what's more, there's a new classic class this year, which is attracting a whole new bunch of really interesting bikes.

[www.dirttrackriders.co.uk](http://www.dirttrackriders.co.uk)

1. Frank Chatokhine from France raced this Metisse Triumph

2. Geoff Cain was riding this B50 owned by Dimitri Coste

3. Guy Williams' Triumph

4. Patina racing! John Boddy's lovely Triumph

## Where to see classic Dirt Track racing

### JUL 18

Rnd 4 'DirtQuake' King's Lynn Norfolk Arena, Saddlebow Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE34 3AG (DTRA racing Friday 18 - DirtQuake Saturday 19)



### AUG 9

Rnd 5 Amman Valley Half Mile Tairgwaith, Brynamman, Wales

### AUG 10

Half Mile Amman Valley (extra individual race meeting or rain day option for Aug 9) TBA

### SEP 21

Rnd 6 Rye House Rye House Stadium, Rye Road, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 0EH.

### SEP 28

King's Lynn - Norfolk Arena, Saddlebow Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE34 3AG (provisional rain date) TBA

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