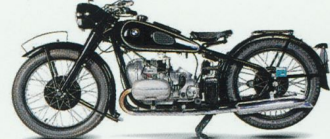




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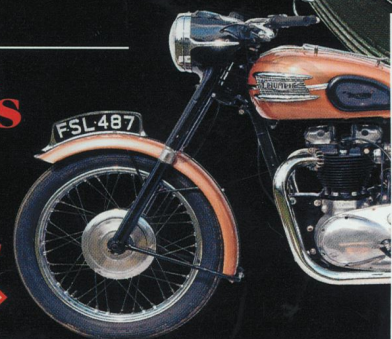


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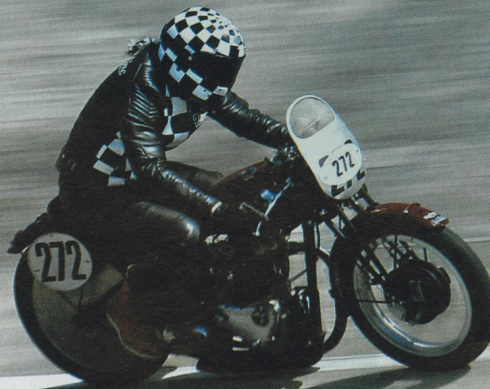
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Concrete bankers

Owners of historic motorcycles get a chance to ride their old machines around the concrete bowl at Linas-Montlhéry

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Bankers have had a bad press since the financial crash, although not all are overpaid individuals who gambled with other people's money and lost. Some say they deserve a good thrashing. Some bankers though have nothing to do with finance – they like to thrash their motorcycles around the concrete bowl at Linas-Montlhéry, 30km south of the centre of Paris.

The historic 1.58 mile oval opened in October 1924 and was the venue for countless high-speed

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records, and – after the addition of a road circuit to increase the distance to 7.7 miles – at one time was home to the French Grand Prix.

Now over 300 riders and drivers with pre-1940 bikes and cars get to see how fast they can go and how high they can climb thanks to the efforts of Vincent Chamon and his team at Association Vintage Revival. The next event will be in 2015. Keep an eye on www.vintage-revival.fr and check out more photos at www.cameravitesse.com