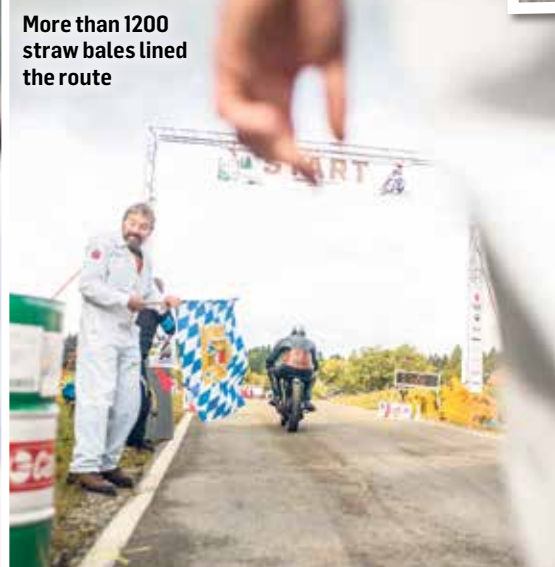


Motor Cycle News **Retro**
Customs and specials from all over the world

'We had to close entries one month early as the names flooded in'



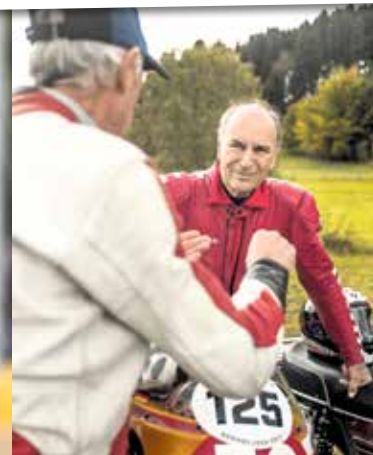
There was a best dressed competition but what about best beard?



More than 1200 straw bales lined the route



Bikes of all ages entered the classic race



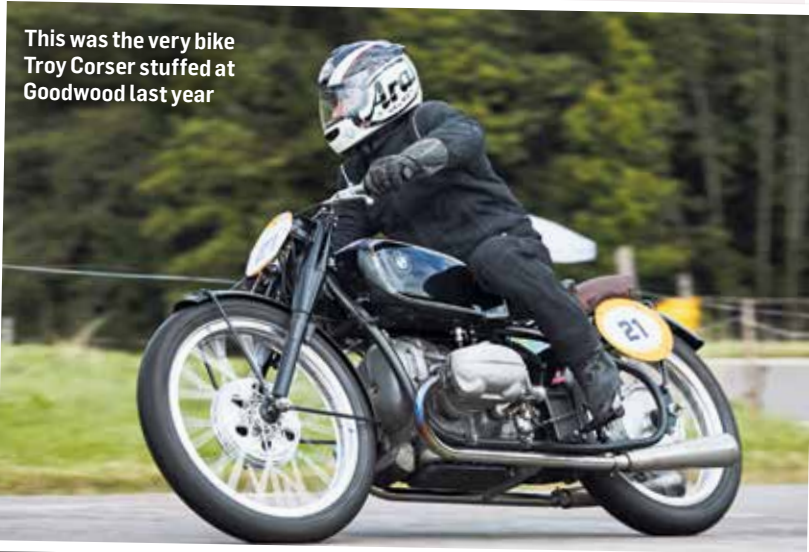
Helmut Dähne, TT-Legend and Nürburgring record holder



Rain stopped play on Sunday, so some riders opted for a rest between runs



The BMW Museum provided some absolute classics



This was the very bike Troy Corser stuffed at Goodwood last year

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE

Famous German hillclimb bursts back into life after 50 years of silence

Auerberg is one hour south of Munich and close to Castle Neuschwanstein. Hillclimbs were held between 1967-1987 (bikes on Saturdays, cars on Sundays) with hundreds of participants and thousands visitors from around the neighbouring countries. The results even used to count towards the German championships. Many people have tried to revive the race and after a break of 30 years Hermann Köpf decided to give it one last attempt. He grew up in the village, so rounded up the locals and presented their idea. The biggest hurdle was convincing the district administration, who have denied 17 previous attempts to rekindle the race. The key to the return was running it as a time trial, so the winner was the person with the two closest timed

FAST FACTS

- Run from the German town of Bernbeuren
- Any bike before 1979 permitted
- Anyone can race
- Next one in 2019

centre, where there was a meeting for classic cars and bikes. There was also an exhibition area with bikes from the BMW Museum and Hockenheimring Motorsports Museum. Even German TT Legend and Nürburgring record-holder Helmut Dähne came to ride on the historic race track. Riders came from Austria, Switzerland and even Lichtenstein as well as some more local heroes. Bikes had to be pre-1979, but some of the oldest machines were from 1925. The list of special bikes was long and it included a Moto Guzzi 4CV, Cotton Python, Scott Squirrel, Calthorpe Bradshaw, Ivory Sport, James A4 Super Sports, Standard BT 500, Norton Inter, Rudge Ulster, NSU Bullus, a BMW R5 and R54. The race was won by Ali Kaba with only a 0.07 second time difference between his two laps.



Over 170 vehicles entered the hillclimb

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BIKING HEROES
 ★ BIKING'S REAL SUPERSTARS ★

Last chance to vote

Show your support for our unsung superstars

Time is running out for you to have a say on who is Britain's biggest biking hero. Your votes have already whittled down stacks of entries to 10 of the best and now we want you to vote again so that we can announce the final three. Voting closes today (Wednesday). The top three will appear at Motorcycle Live at the NEC with an overall winner announced on November 18, when the victor will receive the £1000 cash prize. So cast your vote now at www.carolenash.com/biking-heroes

Karen Neill – Nominated by Anton Shelupanov
 Karen Neill is the owner of north London's Zenith Motorcycles and she welcomes dozens of young people for work experience.
Steve Todd – Nominated by Patrick Meads
 Steve Todd throws his home/motorcycle collection open every month to the Walden Bike Club. The club raises money for the Essex Air Ambulance.
Mark Homan – Nominated by John Wright
 Mark is the mainstay of a youth biking charity (Gauntlet Auto Project), which teaches youngsters off-road riding and bike maintenance.
Paul Brookes – Nominated by Paul Hartley
 Paul and three others set up North West Blood Bikes which now helps five hospital trusts.
Talan Skeels-Piggins – An inspiration for disabled riders
 In March, 2003 Talan Skeels-Piggins was knocked off his motorcycle and left paralysed from the chest down. Eight years later Talan was back riding UK track days and now teaches others to do the same.

The Final 10
Chrissy Thomson – Nominated by Louise Roughton
 Chrissy has dedicated loads of his own time to supporting, helping and fundraising in order to bring together a hugely successful and enjoyable biking group: Midlands Riders.
Steven Quintus – Nominated by Kimberly Quintus
 Steven started up Blood Bikes Scotland. They transport blood, cancer samples and anything that needs to be delivered.
Hugh Cleary – Nominated by Paul Curtin
 Hugh has been battling for decades to ensure access for bikes to trails and green lanes around the UK.
John Bryden – Nominated by Ewan Skinner
 John and his wife Jan run the charity Kirsty's Kids which helps children with life-limiting issues.
Brendan Allen (aka Santa Biker) – Nominated by Connie Allen
 Brendan has raised funds for the Welcome Organisation (a local homeless charity), collected toys for Lindsay House (a children's respite centre) and has raised money for the Children to Lapland charity.



Paul Brookes is a Blood Bikes star

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