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2008 Maicos are here!

New Maico motorcycles are being manufactured in its home country of Germany by Kostler Maico. They produce around 50 motorcycles each year and have a full range of models which include motorcross, enduro and even supercross. They even produce a 700cc 2 stroke with a power output of over 80 horse power!

The new 2008 Maicos are available directly from Germany or you can try to find a distributor whom would be able to import them. There is already a distributor in the UK and you can reach them at their website <http://www.maicouk.co.uk>

You can also visit Kostler Maico's website at <http://maico-bikeworld.de>



2008 Maico 250 Cross

Maico Racing in the UK

The Maico UK importer is making a racing comeback by entering the British Two Stroke Championship this year.

They were able to secure well known sponsor s such as "Maxima Oils" as well as two young motorcross up and comers. Twenty one year old Dan Lillington and Nineteen year old Neil Watton have secured positions to race for Maico UK in 2008.

In April there was an unfortunate



Neil Watton on his 2008 Maico 320

accident which has so far put Dan out of this season. Coming

off a jump on his modified Maico 320 he landed on his leg and fractured several bones in his foot. He has since been recovering for several months and has not been able to get back on the saddle yet.

According to the DEP 2 Stroke British Championship 2008 website Neil is currently ranked 19th out of 56 in the Open Junior class.

We wish the team the best of luck in bringing back the Maico name!



1983 Maico 490

Welcome to Maico Monthly!

This is just an experiment to see how it goes but I thought I would try to raise interest in Maicos with this newsletter to spread and share information.

I am not the sole source of content for this newsletter otherwise there would not be much content! The content is collected from various internet sources and newsgroups. There will be a credits section at the end of the newsletter so the original sources may be referred to and given credit.

I welcome anyone who wishes to contribute if I make a second issue you can just give me an email at:

motors@opferman.com

I don't have any pictures as well so I have to get them from the internet. Questions, comments, likes, dislikes, give me an email and let me know!

I can even turn

this into a bi-monthly or quarterly news letter depending on if I do not get enough content to continue it as a monthly newsletter.



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I say Maico you say Myco?

Recently a conversation in the Maico discussion groups aroused the idea that well Maico isn't really pronounced "MAY-co" in German but instead is pronounced "MY-co".

I did some research on my own online and asked several people whom all promptly said yes, it would be pronounced "MY-co".

I was not satisfied though so I

eventually found a German language site with audio files. The "ai" is apparently called the "German diphthong" which includes 'ei', 'ey', 'ai' and 'ay'. According to the website, the closest English pronunciation of this diphthong is the vowel sound in the English word 'light'.

You can take the vowel sound from 'light' and put it in place

of 'ai' in 'Maico'. The name will end up being pronounced "MY-co" and the site had an audio file example of "Main" which indeed makes it sound like "Mine".

There is still some hope though because being a proper name means it does not need to follow the same rules as regular words and this is true in many languages.

"Jeno's Pizza" is a pizza chain in Colombia which is pronounced the same way as it is spelled in English. This is done even though in Spanish "J" is pronounced like an English "H". The name is still spoken as "Jeno's Pizza" and not "Heno's Pizza".

This realization does put a damper on the "Maico Break-o" rhyme unless you live in Australia, in which case you can always say "Myco Bryco".

Barn Finds



Historic barn in Michigan

Keep on the lookout for those barn finds. Several of them have been found recently and some have been going on sale but for a Maico barn find they are usually a

little more pricey in the rebuild! The most recent sold for a little over \$500 on ebay. If you've bought any or found any "barn finds" send me pictures and a description of it I can feature these in upcoming newsletters!

Super Hunky in Trouble



Dear Friend,

I don't know if you are aware, but our old friend Rick (Super Hunky) Sieman has been facing some serious personal challenges lately.

Super Hunky recently found out that he has prostate cancer for the second time, and has been undergoing Chemo therapy. SH is now waiting to find out if the treatment was successful or not.

As you may know, Rick has lived in Baja, Mex. for years, but recently had to move back to the US to get his medical treatment. Rick and his wife Tina moved out into the desert of Maricopa, Arizona, however, because Tina had to take a job to help with bills, they have had to move again. This time closer to town, to be near his doctor/hospital, so he could drive himself back and forth. The real estate market being what it is, Rick lost quite a bit of money that was ear-

Rick Super Hunky Sieman

marked for retirement and other things due to the moves.

I have been following SH's progress for months thru a friend of mine who

is personal friend of SH and lives close to SH. A couple of weekends ago Rick's old friend Wes gathered over a half dozen friends with trucks and trailers along with my friend and a few of the VMX community in AZ. to help move SH. SH being extremely weakened due to the chemo therapy was unable to help very much. My friend said Rick was quite humbled that so many strangers would turn out to help him move. Stephen mentioned to Rick that many in the vintage motorcycle community that had heard of SH's medical plight would like to help, if help would be accepted. SH said he wouldn't be offended or turn down any offers of help.

To be clear, Rick receives medical benefits from the US Navy, however he has lost quite a bit of money in the moves, and at his age, and condition (recent stroke, as well as prostate cancer) he couldn't really afford to lose that money.

For those of you that grew up in the 'Golden age of Motocross' you may remember Super Hunky as the CZ, and Maico riding older brother that wrote of his adventures. Super Hunky gave us the straight scoop about the newest dirt bikes, which ones were worth the money, and which ones were junk. Rick also told us about waging a legal battle against the BLM and the Sierra Club to preserve riding land here in California. Rick was jailed, and almost bankrupt himself taking on the BLM, fighting to keep the Barstow to Vegas desert race going, for dirt riders everywhere.

The reason I'm writing this letter is that the vintage community has always helped out guys in need, and now Rick Sieman needs our help. It is time to give something back to Rick 'Super Hunky' Sieman for his 35 plus years of giving to us.

There are FIVE ways to help Rick, and each way the money goes right to Rick.

1. Go to his website SuperHunky.com and buy his books, CD's, posters and other collectible items. If you haven't

read his book 'Monkey Butt' you ought to.

2. Buy Ricks 1970 Husqvarna 400 Cross. (being sold for Rick by a friend)

<http://www.vintagemx.us/cgi-bin/larg...XduhE6NovC8UAe>

3. I know not everybody has a PayPal account but if you do, a donation can be sent to Rick via <https://www.paypal.com/> Simply click on 'Send money to your friends and relatives'. Enter Rick's email address: superhunky@... and follow directions.

4. Mail a donation directly to Rick Sieman. (this is his NEW address)

Rick Sieman

36607 West Cosa Blanca St.
Maricopa, AZ. 85238

5. Forward this email on to a few of your friends, and let the spirit of goodwill guide you.

Maico Rebuilds

Currently rebuilding your Maico or just completed it? If you have any good tech tips or places to find particular parts let me know! These can be featured in the newsletter.

I am rebuilding a 1982 Maico 490 GS as well as maintaining a running 1983 Maico 490.

I will be sharing information on various topics in future news

letters as well.

Send in your rebuild story or a brief description with some before and after pictures I can feature them here!



Pieces of my 1982 Maico 490 GS

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Super Hunky Needs Our Help

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What's the Maico Stock Price?

Finding out what the current value is of older Maicos we can do by investigating the last internet sales of Maicos and the last non-sales. The best place to do this is ebay since with craigslist we only know an asking price and not what it actually sold for if it even sold.

There have not been any recent sales of Maico 490s on ebay. There was a 1983 Maico 490 which was modified for supercross however it did not meet reserve and the highest bid was for \$1675. Could it be because no one wants a Supermoto version of an 83?

DC Plastics listed their 1983 Maico 490 Sand Spider for the second or third time with a starting price of \$2500, however again it received no bids. The bike is in decent condition aside from the noted side case weld.

There was a 1973 race ready MC 250 which did not meet reserve at \$1425.

The 1982 Maico 250 Alpha sold for only \$585. This was a beat bike and had not even been started.

Motors are still selling on ebay, recently a 1983 490 shell motor (cases,

and cylinder) sold for \$223.56.

A 1982 Maico 490 engine which was completely rebuilt a few years ago but has little time sold for \$1475. This seems to be a drop in price from the recent sales of \$2300 that the previously completely rebuilt motors went for and before this a motor which needed rebuilt sold for \$3800 in one auction.

The cylinder for a 1983 Maico 490 sold for \$60 and a bottom end with missing pieces of a 1971 250 Square Barrel sold for \$150.

Remember that buying online will cost you shipping which can be upwards of \$800 and without checking it out personally you can never be guaranteed the actual quality.



1981 Maico 400 which did not sell due to reserve not met however the final bid was for \$3500