

news & new products

Tempting stuff

With 2008 well and truly upon us, MB Developments have a number of new products they would like to entice you with. Stainless steel featuring highly on the list, first we have a Lambretta horn bracket, locating screw and rubber grommet (£10.52, £2.48 and £0.38 respectively). Next up there's the shortened and machined stainless steel rear shocker nyloc nuts, priced at £6.89 each. MBD tell us: "With most heavy duty gas shockers the bushes are slightly shorter, which means the frame is longer than the mounts. This nut is machined so the nyloc works on the thread and is recessed inside to nip up the shocker eye making for a safer more reliable set up. We recommend to tighten the nut, then back it off one-eighth of a turn to



allow the shocker bush to pivot."

They also have a thick stainless spacer washer to prevent the rear shocker hitting the rear mudguard.

Finally, they have just had a new Race-Tour rear hub bearing made, which they tell us are (as expected) "a very high quality part" which retails at £22.82 inc VAT, plus postage. For more details call MB Developments on 01709 869756.

A Model D model

New from Scooter Products is this die-cast model of a Model D Lambretta from Newray. It is a 1:12 scale, measures 150 x 85mm and as you can see (as I have, in the flesh) shows some damn fine detail, especially when you consider the price which is just £12.99 inclusive of p&p (UK), £13.99 inclusive of p&p (Europe) and £14.99 inclusive of p&p (Rest of World). For more info visit Scooterproducts.co.uk or call 01934 417834.



Rear brake conversion



These pictures were sent to us by SSP and are of their new rear hydraulic disc brake conversion for the Lambretta. They tell us that included in the kit are new stainless brackets and machined parts, Nissin caliper and master cylinder, stainless braided hose, brake micro switch and everything required to fit the kit. They say that it's easy to fit and remove and you can even use the existing brake pedal. The kit costs £450 and is available from Stainless Scooter Products on 01553 811514 or 0781 8071033 or via www.stainlesscooterproducts.com

Electric force

In a move to reduce its carbon footprint, Strathclyde Police is introducing the first ever electric scooter to be used for active duty by a police force within the United Kingdom. The Vectrix electric maxi-scooter will be used by officers policing at Glasgow Airport – mainly for patrol and parking duties. The bad news is that you ain't going to hear them coming, that the Vectrix's acceleration is fantastic and the top speed is more than 60mph. The good news is that the batteries have a limited range, so as long as there's no backup and your tank is full of fuel, you may just be able to get away!



BSSO Scooter Racing 2008

This is the calendar for the forthcoming year of scooter racing in the UK. A venue of note is Donington, which already has a packed grid as competitors are keen to race on this fabled circuit. There's a number of first time entrants in the 2008 season so keep an eye on Scootering magazine because as always we'll be bringing you reports from both the trackside and the paddock. For more information about scooter racing visit www.scooterracing.org.uk or email info@scooterracing.org.uk

- 23 March – Mallory Park
- 27 April – Donington Park
- 10/11 May – Three Sisters
- 31 May – Oulton Park (Full Circuit)
- 22 June – Mallory Park
- 9-10 August – Ty Croes.
- 30-31 August – Lydden Hill
- 27-28 September – Cadwell Park

French racing

The weekend of 18-20 April 2008 sees some scooter racing in the north-east of France to which you are all cordially invited. The Scootentole Challenge will be open to scooters with a gearbox (Vespa, Lambretta, Zundapp, etc) of 50cc to 299cc. There will be five different classes with special sessions for all who want a more relaxing ride (ie those with older scoots). The circuit is located in Mirecourt (Vosges) between Epinal and Nancy and French, Belgian and German racers will be present. Each rider must wear a minimum of appropriate safety clothing and there's camping, bar, food as well as music on Saturday evening. Fees will be about €50 for the weekend (inc breakfast) and for further info (as well as to clarify details) please visit www.scootentole.org or call KTy 0043 676 8205 6225 (English speaking).