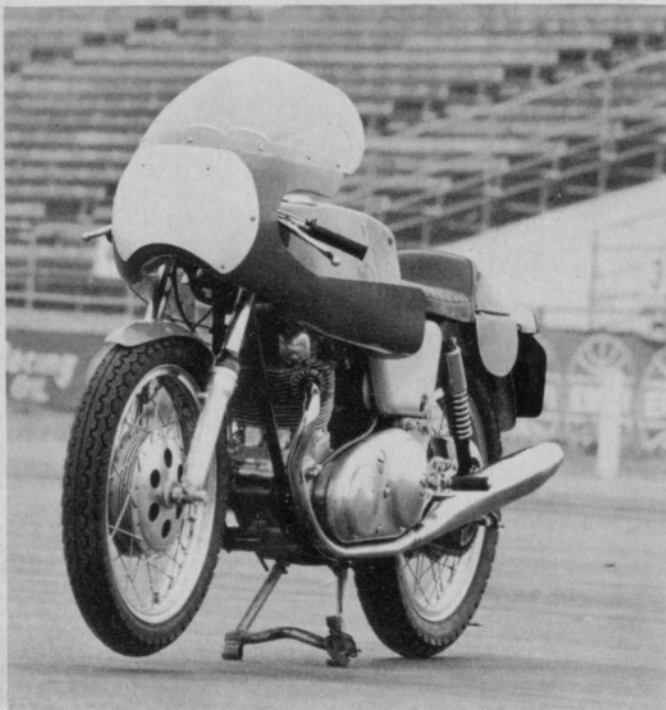




NORTON COMMANDO PRODUCTION RACER

We Sample A 130-mph Speedster, Try Ourselves, And
Track-Test Two Tracks.

CYCLE WORLD
ROAD TEST



RARE IS THE ROAD RIDER who has not, regardless of what he is riding, twisted the throttle just a little harder than is necessary to get from Point A to Point B. In every rider, there's a little bit of a racer. The road, fraught with perils real and imaginary, public and private, becomes a temptress at every curve.

That's what riding is all about. Not the fact that you get there, but how you get there. Some guys get quite good at it. Those that aren't, think they are. Even the squid who has been on a motorcycle for only three days of his entire life just *knows* he is the fastest thing that ever came 'round a bend.

Only the race track can give a man proper perspective, with a good dose of exhilaration thrown in. It's unique—the reason why the CYCLE WORLD staff jumps at the chance to rent a track and go play racing with a properly fitted machine. It's an absolute ball, all of it tax deductible.

Take away the roadside grit, the greasy, traveled surface, the imagined cop in every dark cranny, the family sedan coming at you, straddling the center line.

Take away the speed limit, which is always in the back of your mind even when you exceed it. Take away the yellow