

Some M72 Restorations



Above and then right! A very fine yet first restoration by George Vass in England from a 'BMW' found in Eastern Europe.



Left - my (PJBallard) M72 found unloved by Juris from Latvia who also helped prepare the machine. It was rebuilt as a useable solo. It runs with 3.89:1 final drive and a 3.75" rear and 4.00" front Russian tyres on original 6 volt electrics and lights. Front pipes specially made, seen here fitted with 'universal' silencers now replaced with CJ items. Front fork rebuilt with bushes instead of needle rollers (see article). Forks work very well in solo trim, especially important in that they have little stiction and so provide a very smooth ride (their weight helps too!) At the front is a Dnieper MT11 sidecar brake that is fitted exactly like the original. Fitted for want of the standard item, it is a very good brake and works well in modern traffic. Indicators are later Dnieper items, but help me stay alive!

Right. A very well restored outfit seen at the 2000 East European Rally in England (Every 4 years). Believed owned and restored by Dutch enthusiast. It not only looked good but ran very well. There is great enthusiasm for these machines in mainland Europe, perhaps the easy road accessibility to Eastern Europe helps the enthusiasts get across there, find the machines and bring them back.

