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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New 2009 Maicos are here!
- What's the stock price of your Maico?
- Maico 760

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2009 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 620cc and a 685cc 2 stroke with a power output of over 80 horse power!

The new 2009 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>



2009 Maico 685 Cross

1982 Maico 490 GS Rebuilt

The 1982 Maico 490 GS has been completely rebuilt and so far runs great. The bike has gone through a 3 stage break in process which includes 3 cycles of idling to operating temperature and then a cool down cycle.

The first test drive of the bike was in a parking lot and through the snow. The clutch was not working so the bike had to be revved and somewhat rolling to get the start.

The issue with the clutch was later resolved by changing the hand lever to a much larger and wider Magura. The bike



Toby Opferman's 1982 Maico 490GS

shifts fine so far but has not been

tested at full speed. The carburetor was set back to stock and

so far the only issue has been a finicky carburetor during cold start. The tickler either floods out the motor or does not provide gas to adequately start the motor. The general best known method to start the bike which sometimes works is to hold the tickler until it floods and then give a few baby kicks. Then use the tickler again and more baby kicks then kick the bike until it starts with or without holding the throttle wide open depending on if the engine became flooded.

Welcome to Maico Monthly!

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Welcome to the second installment of Maico Monthly the newsletter for Maico fans by Maico fans.

There is a youtube video I have posted called "Rare Maico Photos" that you will want to view, it is a collection of factory photos as well as bikes from the 1960s to 2009.

Do you have a story to tell or information to provide? Let me know and anyone who wishes to contribute just send me an email at



1983 Maico 490 Engine

"I welcome anyone who wishes to contribute email me at motors@opferman.com with their Maico Stories"

Old Maico Factory

The photos below depict the original Maico factory back in the day and pictures of the factory in 2001.

The factory in Pfaffingen was torn down in 2001 and a new supermarket and shopping mall stands in its place.

The other photo is a picture of Kostler's shop around 2000.



The Legend: Maico 760—Where is it now?

The Maico 760 is something of a legend and only around 3 to 5 were ever made. Super Hunky has an article which he discusses the details of this fine machine and his experiences with riding it.

Well, quite recently a story surfaced by "Dave Gagnon" on the Maico Motorcycles Yahoo! Group whom came in contact with the mighty beast in the late 1990s and even took photographs of the machine used in this article.

This is Dave's account word for word: "I took a trip to Alabama, for the Navy in '94, and went to visit Ronnie Smith (Maico USA) while I was there. He had an original '79 GS400, that he sold new, and had

gotten back. It had been sitting in Ronnies garage for ten years. Which leads me to the 760. I actually may have personally saved that bike from being cut up because, I asked ronnie if he'd sell the GS to me and he initially said no, because he was "...going to put Barry's 760 motor into a '79 GS frame to replicate the bike Maico used to beat the 750+ BMW's in

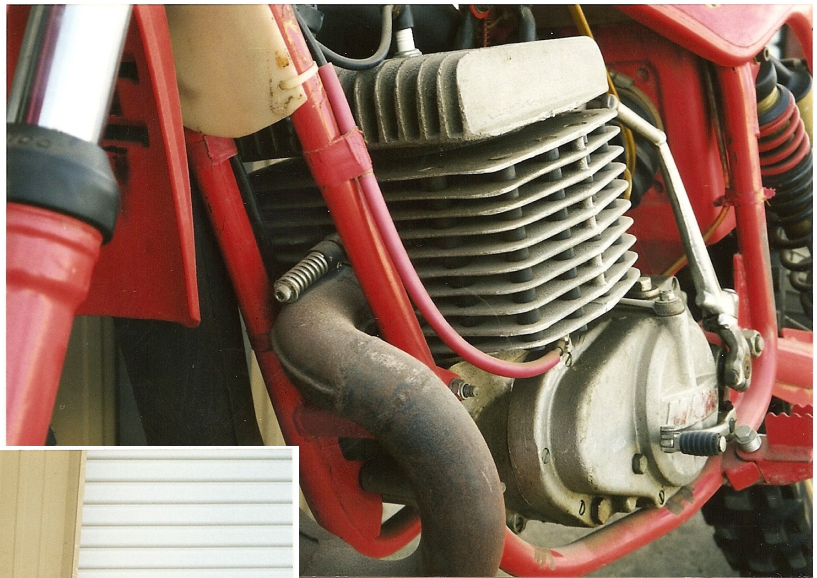
the ISDT then."

But I persisted.

Ronnie Smith and his wife Jana are great people. They invited a young Military guy (that likes

single handedly, may have rescued the most famous Maico in history, by removing the recipient bike, that had been planned by two maniacs, to recieve the 760 motor. And just in time too!

At the time, I was just happy to be getting a nice GS that I know the history of,



Maicos) into their home, fed me numerous times, and turned me onto the best (only) catfish I've ever eaten. So the a day or two later, He said "we were gonna' do the motor swap a while ago and never got to it." So, I believe to this day, that I

and didn't understand the level of historical value that my purchasing of a bike contributed, in the life of the greatest Maico ever. My removal of the GS saved Super Hunky's Blackwater 760!" - Dave Gagnon



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