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Catalina Grand Prix

By Bill Bagnall, Editor of "Motorcyclist"

WEEKEND of May 1st and 2nd, 1954, marks the climax of many months untold hours of work and co-ordination by the members of the Southern California Sports Committee and their affiliated motorcycle clubs.

All of this "behind the scenes" activity, plus the two days of motorcycle racing that you fans are about to witness, is all for the sake of the sport—without cent being paid to any committee member or rider for his part in the 4th Annual Catalina Grand Prix. You may ask yourself, "What rewards ARE in store for these riders and committee members?" The answer is: for the fortunate few—a coveted trophy for their efforts, and for these lucky few, as well as for the balance of the starting fields, the sheer fun that only motorcycling and good sportsmanship can bring. And for the committee members—the satisfaction and pride in knowing that a job was well done!

For many of you who are here for the first time, Catalina had probably only been a picturesque summer resort in past years, but today you are to learn the word Catalina Grand Prix means in the minds and hearts of all racing and cycling enthusiasts, riders, committee members, dealers, etc. To these people Catalina stands for many things—first, it stands for sportsmanship, which covers fair play, clean competition, comradery among the contestants and the thrill of participation. Catalina also stands for color, not only in the scenic beauty of the island, but in the "color" that can be found in the terms of atmosphere, as well as in the color array of meticulously prepared machines (nowhere else in the world can you find a starting field of motorcycles that have undergone the grooming—mechanical and visual—that you are viewing today).

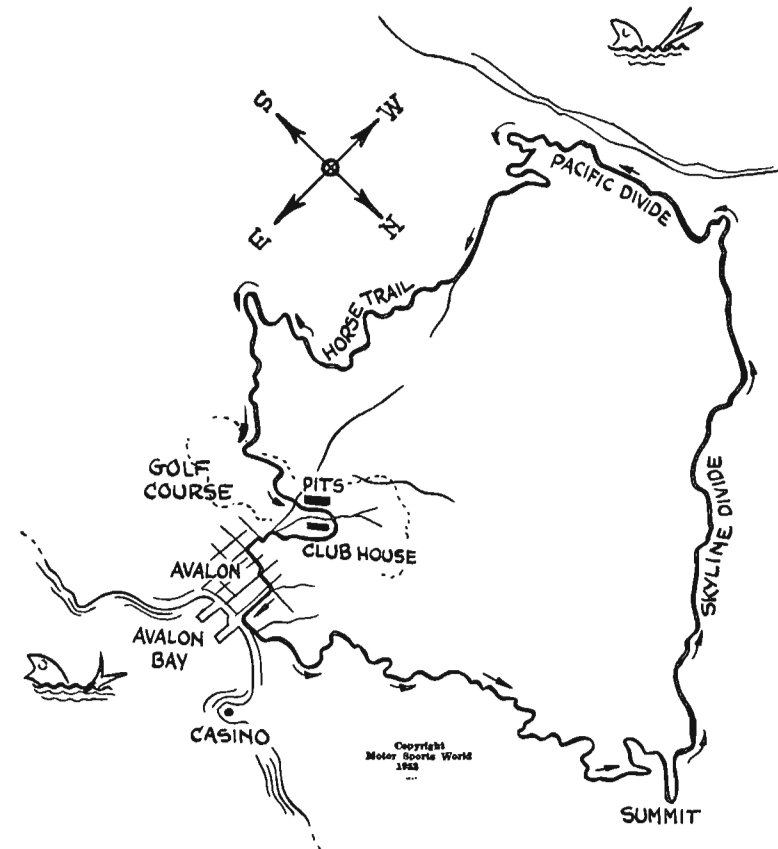
The laws set up for the Catalina Prix are different from those found in other parts of the country (to be sure!), for here at Catalina, outside of a rigid set of safety rules, the formal inspection barriers prevailing at other races, are not eliminated. This allows the rider or motorcycle dealer to use the Catalina Grand Prix as a "proving ground" for various types of wheel suspension, frame and frame modifications and special tuning secrets and ideas. Also motorcycles of all size engine displacements are welcome in the Catalina Grand Prix—there's a class for each and all!

The Catalina Grand Prix is a non-profit event, with no admission gates, no prizes, no promoter's fees, etc. It's all done for the sake and betterment of the sport!

From all aspects, the Catalina Grand Prix is a truly democratic racing program, as it benefits our national government and our own American way of life.

4th Annual Catalina Grand Prix

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By Dick Day

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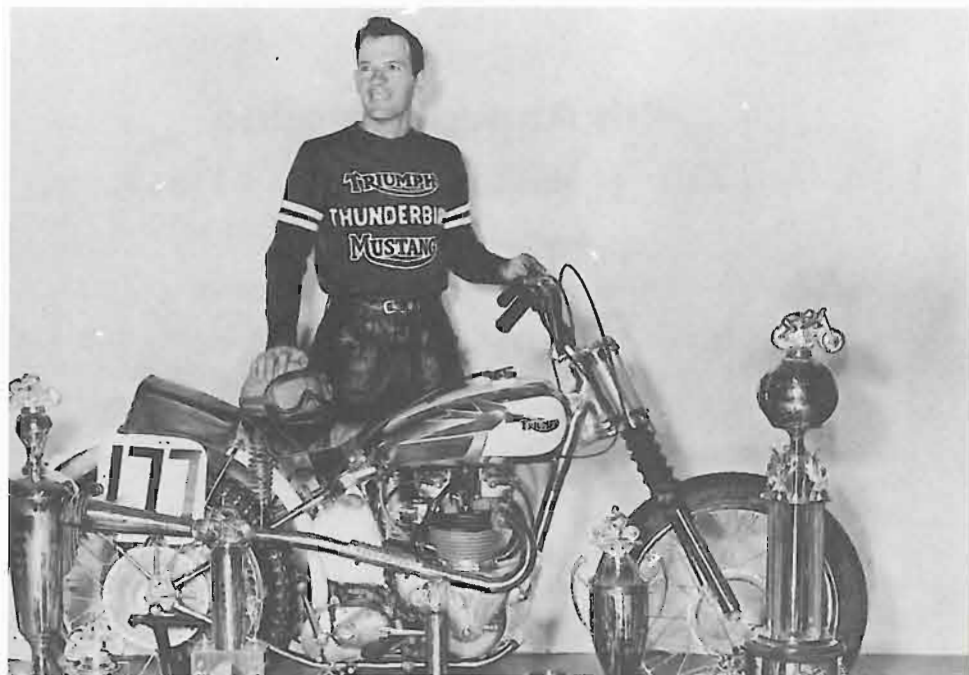
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WALT FULTON

1st place — 1st Annual Catalina Grand Prix — 1951
 2nd place — 2nd Annual Catalina Grand Prix — 1952



“NICK” NICHOLSON

1st place — 1st Annual
 Catalina Grand Prix — 1951
 2nd place — 2nd Annual
 Catalina Grand Prix — 1952

Nick Nicholson, winner of the 2nd Annual Catalina Grand Prix, was selected in 1953 to ride in Europe, and to represent the United States by competing in all of the great road races including the world famous Isle of Man in which classic he finished 18th in the Senior Division.

As a farewell gesture before leaving for Europe, he captured the 50 mile Daytona race setting a new Daytona Beach speed record averaging 93.99 m.p.h. His other racing accomplishments are far too numerous to mention here.

Nick's race fans were looking forward to seeing him in action on his A.J.S. at this year's Catalina race, but are to be disappointed due to injuries sustained on another track just a few weeks ago. So here's hoping we have him with us next year.

RESULTS OF CATALINA GRAND PRIX — 1952

Winner: “NICK” NICHOLSON — B. S. A. — 3:38:22.46

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| 2. Walt Fulton, Triumph.....3:39:16.31 | 14. Wizz Carey, Triumph.....3:45:45.31 |
| 3. George Alguire, Triumph.....3:39:47.31 | 15. Johnny Quick, B.S.A.....3:47:12.90 |
| 4. Ray Tanner, Harley-Dav.....3:40:03.00 | 16. C. H. Wheat, Ariel.....3:47:22.16 |
| 5. Al Copping, Triumph.....3:40:16.94 | 17. Don Hawley, Ariel.....3:47:38.73 |
| 6. Vern Sumner, B.S.A.....3:41:18.31 | 18. Lloyd Fraser, Harley-Dav.....3:47:32.90 |
| 7. Bob Sothern, Triumph.....3:43:03.44 | 19. Ralph Adams, Matchless.....3:48:05.70 |
| 8. Harry Loftus Jr., Harley-Dav.....3:43:19.23 | 20. Wally Albright, Matchless.....3:48:36.28 |
| 9. Willie Wilson, A.J.S.....3:43:54.65 | 21. Ray Arnold, Velocette.....3:49:33.86 |
| 10. Harrison Reno, Harley-Dav.....3:44:17.97 | 22. Ruben Jackson, B.S.A.....3:49:57.36 |
| 11. Aub LeBard, B.S.A. 21".....3:44:37.94 | 23. Eugene Fox, Triumph.....3:50:02.86 |
| 12. Ray Weiman, B.S.A.....3:45:10.35 | 24. Glen Clinton, B.S.A.....3:50:02.92 |
| 13. Stubby Free, Triumph.....3:45:28.33 | 25. Don Carey, Triumph.....3:50:22.70 |

Winner 250cc Class: “NICK” NICHOLSON — B. S. A.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2. George AlguireTriumph | 5. Bob SothernJawa |
| 3. Charles CrippsMoto-Guzzi | 6. Howard GuyB. S. A. |
| 4. Russ GoodB. S. A. | |

Winner 200cc Class: JOHNNY QUICK — Barnett

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| 2. Ralph AdamsBarnett | 5. Billy BrokawBarnett |
| 3. Vern HancockExcelsior | 6. Frank HeacoxJames |
| 4. LamoreauxBarnett | |

Winner 125cc Class: RAY WEIMAN — B. S. A.

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| 2. Steve WardCzech | 5. Jim MullinsB. S. A. |
| 3. Ray ArnoldB. S. A. | 6. M. DickersonJawa |
| 4. Lloyd FraserB. S. A. | |

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JOHN L. McLAUGHLIN

1st place — 3rd Annual Catalina Grand Prix — 1953

This is the ever smiling "Johnny" McLaughlin beside his famous Velocette with which he won top honors at Catalina last year. In winning the open class he also took home the trophy for the 21" class on day. The day before, just for a warm-up, he rode a Velocette to victory in the 15" class. Three wins - a good weekend's work for anybody.

John is 29 years old and was born in Pasadena, California, June 24, 1924. He is now living in Duarte, California, is married and has two children - a boy and a girl. Johnny started his riding in 1948 after his discharge from the United States Air Force, having served six years as an Air Force fighter pilot. He also spent one year in a German prison camp.

John's first big win came in 1951 when he won the Rams Hare and Hound run. In 1952 he was National Hare & Hound champ. He also won the Greenhorn Endurance Run the same year. McLaughlin rides all types of amateur competition plus road races. Other wins to his credit are such as the Rough Riders and Checkers Hare & Hounds, Checkers Hares, etc. This year finds him wearing a new type safety helmet.

John has ridden most of the popular makes of motors in the past five years. But in 1953 he finally settled on Velocette. This year he will be riding a new 500cc Velocette. So watch for #7 on Saturday and #44 on Sunday.

RESULTS OF CATALINA GRAND PRIX — 1953

Winner: JOHN McLAUGHLIN — VELOCETTE 21" — 3:21:56.77

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|---|---|
| 2. Charles Cripps, Harley-Dav. K.....3:23:13.38 | 14. Wally Albright, Matchless.....3:30:25.96 |
| 3. Joe Leonard, Harley-Dav. K.....3:24:04.48 | 15. Richard Dean, Matchless.....3:30:30.63 |
| 4. Vernal Sumner, B.S.A.....3:24:14.91 | 16. Elmer Rasmussen, A.J.S.....3:30:34.49 |
| 5. Al Copping, Triumph.....3:24:49.75 | 17. George Everett, B.S.A.....3:30:48.72 |
| 6. Chuck Minert, B.S.A.....3:25:19.00 | 18. David Ekins, Velocette.....3:30:54.31 |
| 7. Ray Tanner, Harley-Dav. 74".....3:27:07.61 | 19. Howard Guy, B.S.A.....3:31:28.38 |
| 8. Del Kuhn, Harley-Dav. K.....3:28:13.30 | 20. Bruce Zaremba, B.S.A.....3:32:18.16 |
| 9. Bob Sothern, Triumph.....3:29:28.62 | 21. Gene Fox, A.J.S.....3:32:25.95 |
| 10. Johnny Quick, B.S.A.....3:29:28.83 | 22. Don "Wig" Carey, Triumph.....3:32:33.58 |
| 11. Jim Johnson, Harley-Dav. K.....3:29:34.47 | 23. Wes Drennen, Harley-Dav. K.....3:32:37.91 |
| 12. Vern Hancock, Matchless.....3:29:35.11 | 24. Red Meyers, Harley-Dav. K.....3:32:43.36 |
| 13. Stubby Free, A.J.S.....3:30:08.51 | 25. Bob Shirey, Harley-Dav. K.....3:32:56.05 |

Winner: 350cc OHV Class: JOHN McLAUGHLIN — Velocette 21"

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| 2. Bruce Zaremba Jr.....B. S. A. | 3. Aub LeBard.....B. S. A. |
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Winner: 250cc Two Stroke Class: JOHN McLAUGHLIN — Velocette

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| 2. Bob Sothern.....Moto Guzzi | 4. Walt FultonMustang |
| 3. Charles Minert.....B. S. A. | |

Winner 250cc OHV Class: MARTY DICKERSON — Jawa

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| 2. Bud HoganIndian |
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Winner 200cc Class: RALPH ADAMS — Francis Barnett

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| 2. Glen ClintonZundapp | 7. Frank Gomen.....Francis Barnett |
| 3. Gilbert AshdownDot | 8. Barney MullerDot |
| 4. Johnny QuickZundapp | 9. Earl FreelandDot |
| 5. Frank Heacox Jr.....Francis Barnett | 10. Don HawleyDot |
| 6. Rickey CollinsDot | |

Winner: 125cc Class: DAVID EKINS — N. S. U.

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| 2. Lloyd Fraser.....B. S. A. | 6. Jim Mullins.....B. S. A. |
| 3. Ray Weiman.....B. S. A. | 7. Bob MonsonHarley-Davidson |
| 4. Garve Nelson.....B. S. A. | 8. Carl KoeplingerPuch |
| 5. Walt Moore.....B. S. A. | |



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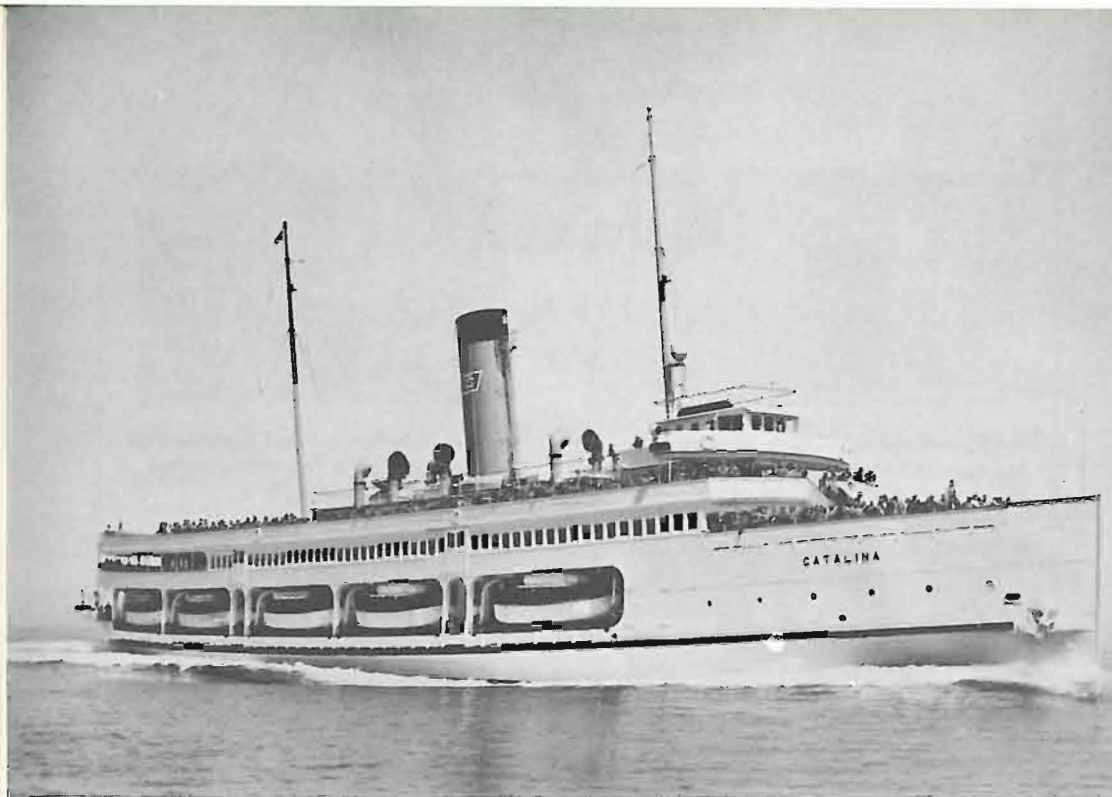
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