



*Past-perfect: It doesn't get any better than a bike like Alan Singer's incredibly well-preserved 1973 Moto Guzzi V7 Sport in a setting like the season-ending Chesapeake Chapter Meet in Jefferson, Pennsylvania. See page 42.*



*Italian hot-rod: Moto Guzzi shed its stodgy image in the early 1970s with its V7 Sport, combining the company's "sideways" V-twin with sport-style low bars and a four-leading-shoe drum brake.*



*The V7 Sport bristles with signature parts, like its lime-green tank and distinctive logo valve covers.*

Only 200 of the machines were imported to the U.S. that first year, and this particular V7 stayed in the possession of a dealer in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for over three decades. The dealer never changed a part on the machine, but after he got a scratch on the tank early, he ordered a spare set of bodywork from the factory and left those pieces in their original boxes.

When Singer bought the bike a few years ago, he cleaned it up and installed that spare bodywork, making a bike that is as factory-fresh as any 40-year-old machine can be.

Here at the Chesapeake Meet, Singer has entered the bike in the AMCA Judging Program. And after examining it from stem to stern, the judges come to a unanimous verdict: a perfect 100 points.

Singer is beaming as he accepts his award.

"It's like having the Sophia Loren of motorcycles," he says. "She may be old, but she's still gorgeous."

### **Guzzi Perfection**

Perfection is the goal for many owners of antique motorcycles. Unfortunately, it's a goal that's rarely achievable in the real world.

But Alan Singer's Italian hot-rod is the exception.

The bike is a 1973 Moto Guzzi V7 Sport, a machine that marked a change of direction for the company, which had a reputation for "stodgy old bikes without much performance in the late '60s," says Singer.

The '73 Sport was an attempt to change that image, placing the company's distinctive 90-degree "sideways" V-twin into a compact frame with low handlebars, the first cartridge fork offered on a production bike and a race-replica four-leading-shoe drum brake. The look was completed with a curvy gas tank and side panels offered in "look at me" lime green.