

BEAUTIFUL BULTACOS

I bought my first Bultaco in 1972 – an M85 Alpina off-roader that I still own, having restored it about 20 years ago. That led to a serious case of Bultaco disease – today I have nine of them.

The Metralla was the fastest light motorcycle of its era, winning on the Isle of Man (twice) as well as many national races. I am fortunate to have four different variants. I took them to this year's Riding Into History concours in St Augustine, Florida, here in the USA. I think this was the first time anywhere that all four were displayed together.

The bikes range from 1962 to 1978. The earliest, the Metralla M8, is a 200cc four-speeder that was rescued after 45 years in a garage; it took me a year to restore. The 1969 El Tigre scrambler version is one of less than 200 built for the US market. I restored my Metralla MkII – a European-spec bike – about 15 years ago. Finally, I have just acquired a Metralla GTS from Spain to complete the set.



Above is my Sammy Miller 'Hi-Boy' with Bultaco 350 running gear. This bike has a known UK history including running in the IoM two-day trials in the '70s. I found it in Florida a few years ago, in a very sorry state; it required a lengthy restoration, but came out quite well. There are others in the garage – a Streaker is my current project – but I hope you find these worthy of publication.
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