

BILL (WILLIAM JOHN) SMITH

Founder Member, Chairman 1973 – 1975 and President 1985 – 1990



Bill was born in Leitholm in Scotland in 1911. Later, Bill lived at Walton-on-Thames

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1935	Bill joined Rossleigh Ltd. as a trainee manager. He later became a director of the Scottish Automobile Co. Ltd.
1939	Enlisted in the 4/5 th Royal Scots as a dispatch rider.
1940	Commissioned 2 nd Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery
1941	Transferred to the RAOC - Royal Army Ordnance Corps - as Captain
1942 - 46	Served as a Major in the REME - Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers.
1956	Joined Norton Motors Ltd. as Sales Manager.
1961	Joined AMC Group as Sales Director Matchless as Managing Director Norton Motors Ltd. Joint Managing Director
1969	Director of the Motorcycle Division of Britax Ltd.

Bill participated in motorcycle sport for many years and his many successes included being crowned Scottish Champion in four classes:

- Trials
- Racing
- Scrambles
- Sand Racing

He was a works rider of some note:

- 1933-36 OK Supreme
- 1936-39 Levis
- 1946-51 A.J.S. (Scottish and International Six Days Trial)

Bill also enjoyed Golf and Mountain Walking. Throughout all these activities Bill was an inveterate pipe smoker.

Bill passed away in 1990