

1963 BSA

GOLD STAR CLUBMAN

This 1963 BSA Gold Star represents the end of the line of BSA's famous single. The Gold Star made no pretensions at doubling as a practical commuter; it was a race-bred street speedster, and "café elite." Little needed to be done to this motorcycle when it was applied to its obvious purpose of fast, uncompromising road riding. The Gold Star could achieve 85mph in second gear—a clear indication of the bike's potential. Its Manufacturer was B.S.A. Motorcycles, Ltd., Birmingham, UK



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The Goldie's engine remained "non-unit" (separate engine and transmission) to the end, and it's 499ccs of high-compression displacement made starting the engine no small feat. Learning "the drill" of "tickling" the carburetor just so, and then locating the piston on its compression stroke, prior to the rider making a small jump in the air and bringing all weight to bear on the kick-starter, was essential to life with a Goldie. A series of tamer BSA unit singles followed the Gold Star—some even taking its name—but they never matched the power and glamour of their predecessor.

DID YOU KNOW!

The Gold Star remains one of the most collectable and valuable classic motorcycles, with good examples commanding as much as \$30,000 or more.

Specs:

Engine: 499cc pushrod, pre-unit, OHV four-stroke single
Manufacturer's claimed power output: 42
Carburetion: 36mm Amal GP
Transmission: 4-speed, chain primary-drive
Wheels/tires: 19" x 4.00 (rear); 19" x 3.25 (front)
Top speed: 110mph

This vehicle is unavailable for adoption.



