



(l/r) John Beaumont; Tom Conner; Steve Scott

Outrigger Motorcycle Team wins the "Mauna Kea 200"

Story from John Beaumont

The newly organized motorcycle team comprised of Outrigger Canoe Club members John Beaumont, Tom Conner and Steve Scott, won the 1978 Mauna Kea 200 "motorcycle enduro" run on the Big Island last May 27 and 28. Other Outrigger cyclists entered in the event were: Peter Halford; Mark Buck; Brant Ackerman; Doss Tannehill; Pua Rochlin, and Gerrit Osborne.

The Mauna Kea 200 is a 200-mile motorcycle race designed to test men and machines over all types of terrain and under all conditions. The course covered terrain from sea level to 9,500 feet, and ran through rain, mud, slippery rocks, deep mud holes, lava fields, cinders and loose lava rocks.

This race is a time-keeping enduro in which the rider must pass certain points on the course at a specific time. He is penalized 2 points for each minute he is early and one point for each minute late. Also, along the course special tests are set up to test specific things such as acceleration at high altitude and a cross country speed test covering 3½ miles of rough trail and cinder-cone country.

Formerly a race for individuals only, trophies were provided this year for both club and dealer teams. The team scoring the lowest number of "reverse points" was declared winner. Outrigger had only 117 "points" against the second team's 310. Best individual low-point scorer for Outrigger was Tom Conner with 36, followed by Beaumont with 42, Osborne with 58, and Scott with 99. The perpetual trophy will be up for grabs again next year.

(Ed note: John Beaumont's detailed account of his own experiences in the two-day event will appear in the August issue, space permitting.)