

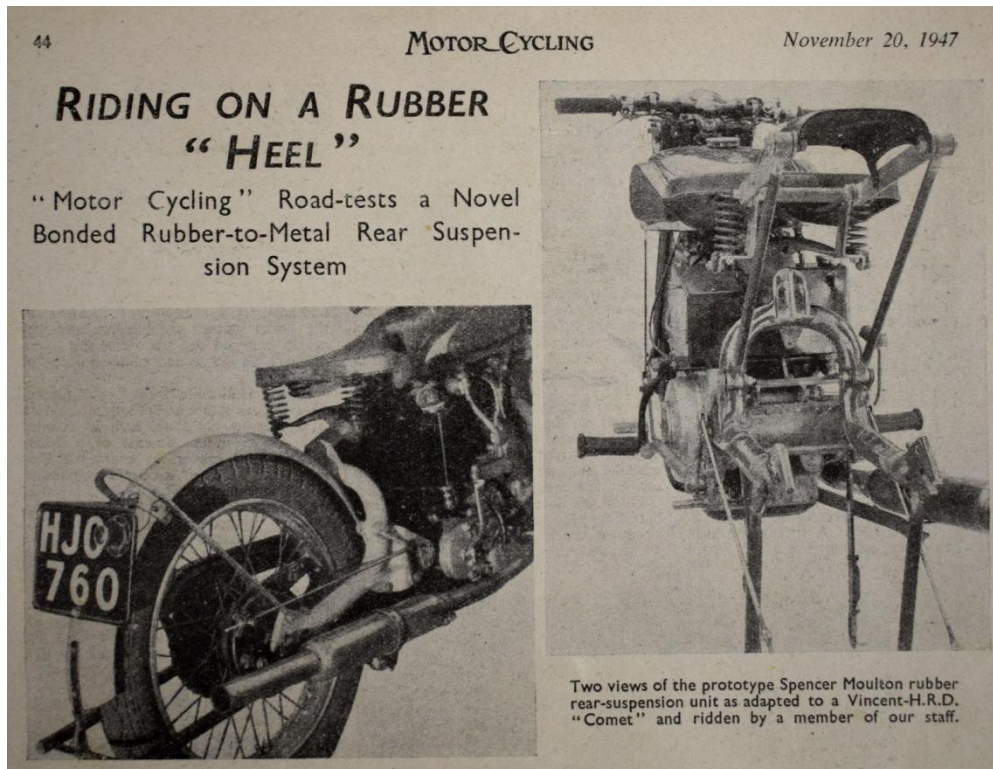
## Meteor lands at Charterhouse

A rare Vincent HRD Meteor, estimated at over £50,000, is one of the star motorcycles in their specialist auction of Classic and Vintage Motorcycles at The Netley Marsh Eurojumble in September.

“Dating to 1939, it was one of the last Series A Meteors built as Vincent ceased production of this model on the outbreak of the Second World War,” commented Matthew Whitney. “They were a very quick motorcycle in their day, being good for nearly 90 mph which was almost twice as fast as the average family saloon in the day and today they are keenly sought after by collectors.”



During its 77 years, it appears to have had just a few owners, one of which was Alex Moulton who bought it in 1947. Alex Moulton was an English engineer and inventor who designed the suspension for the iconic the Mini. In 1947, he used this motorcycle as a test bed for his prototype rubber to metal rear suspension system which was tested in Motor Cycle magazine in November 1947.



Although his suspension did not make it into production, Alex Moulton went on to form the Moulton Bicycle Company. Based in Bradford-on-Avon, Moulton bicycles were an instant success with their mini wheels in the 1960's mini skirt era.

Coming to the Charterhouse auction from a deceased estate, it has been owned since the mid 1980's. During this time, it has undergone a complete restoration, with the final touches put on by the legendary Sammy Miller in 2014. With numerous extras, such as TT racing handlebars, a TT petrol tank and TT mudguards, this rare piece of classic British motorcycling is estimated at £48,000-£52,000 when it goes under the Charterhouse hammer on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

Charterhouse are now accepting entries for their summer programme of auctions including silver, jewellery, watches and antiques in their two day August auction, classic and vintage motorcycles for their auction at **The Netley Marsh Motorcycle Eurojumble on 2<sup>nd</sup> September** and for their next auction of **Classic and Vintage cars at The Royal Bath & West Showground on 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

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