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## **Biofuel Bike Scores First Podiums.**

Russell Joyner riding for Team Inzane Laverda, took his biofuel powered Laverda 650 Formula to three third places at the Mallory Park round of the UK national MiniTwins Championship over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The bike, which has only raced once before since its conversion to the renewable alcohol fuel ran faultlessly and Russell qualified on the front row before putting in some very competitive race performances.

“ We are on a very steep learning curve with this bike. Nobody knows how radical you can be with the fuelling running bioethanol and we are creating our own fuel maps as we go with the limited amount of testing we have done” said Inzane technical director, Ian Calvert “

As well as being the only bio fuelled bike in the race the team’s Laverda was also unique in being the only non Suzuki in a class which hitherto has predominantly featured the Suzuki SV650. It looks different, sounds different and as many of the riders following Russell have commented even smells different! But what is it like to ride?

“It may be a ten year old design but the Laverda is a lovely bike to ride” says Joyner, “It has quality suspension and brakes and the handling definitely has the edge on the Suzukis. Otherwise it doesn’t feel any different to ride than a normal petrol powered bike.”

The development of renewable fuels is important to the future of motorcycle racing as consumption of finite fossil fuel comes under critical scrutiny. Team Inzane Laverda are the first motorcycle racing team in the UK to develop a bike that will run on e85, a pump fuel already available in the UK and which is a blend of 85% alcohol and 15% petrol. The alcohol is renewable being distilled from sugar. Indeed the team have calculated that the sugar beet needed to produce the fuel used over their successful weekend at Mallory Park could have been ‘grown’ on just 10 square metres of land.

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