

FOR SALE:
VINTAGE 500cc FORMULA III BRYNFAN TYDDYN SPECIAL
Effyh/Cooper/Norton 500 c.1957
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EFFYH is an acronym of four Hakonsson brothers who produced 500cc racers in Sweden following WWII. Introduced in America by John Fitch, he took Best in Class at Giants Despair hillclimb in 1951, followed by a win at the Bridgehampton races in June. The races at Brynfan Tyddyn (Welsh for “Hilltop Manor”) were held annually in conjunction with the hillclimb from 1952 through 1956. They took place on 3.5 miles of winding blacktop through the fields around state Senator T. Newell Wood’s Estate near Harvey’s Lake, PA.



Local lore has it that Jack DuPont refurbished an Effyh/JAP that he found in Wood’s horse barn, but he suffered only DNF’s in 1955 and again in ‘56. As Formula III racing evolved, the Cooper cars using the “Invincible Norton” overhead twin-cam motorcycle engines began to leave all the other 500’s in the dust.



Meanwhile, Lex DuPont held the lap record in a Cooper/Norton until 1956 when Carroll Shelby came from out west to set a new best time in a 2-liter Ferrari. Even as the Brynfan Tyddyn races grew to national status, the Formula 3’s must have been Senator Wood’s favorite for they always had a race all their own. However, a fatal off-course excursion by a sedan ended Wood’s daring adventure at Brynfan Tyddyn. The 1957 races were on the schedule for July but an outcry about safety led Wood to cancel at the last moment.

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But this sad ending also gave birth to the **Brynfan Tyddyn Special**. One of the Formula III entries in the 1957 hillclimb was listed as “F.E. Effort” (Wood?) driving an **Effyh/Norton** that finished 2nd in class. But the Effyh chassis was built for a JAP motor and too small to hold the Norton engine.



In 1956, Senator Wood obtained two Norton “Manx” motors from R.J.A. Petty, a noted race engine builder in Farnborough, England. Wood owned a metal fabrication company and had elongated the **Effyh** frame to receive the Norton motor along with the latest rear suspension from a Cooper.



These frame modifications now required new body panels that were designed in the streamlined fashion of the mid-50's. The bodywork and other new fittings were fabricated from aluminum and stainless steel, all to “show-car” standards that included Borrani wire wheels, a Nardi wood steering wheel, Brooklands windscreen and fitted upholstery. Spares galore from the ‘50’s range from Lodge sparking plugs to Dunlop Blue Streak tyres and a timing wheel engraved “T.N.Wood Pennsylvania USA”. The Brynfan Tyddyn Special is still in original condition and Ray Petty’s long-stroke motor runs strong and will idle faultlessly until the tanks are emptied of methanol.



Minimum of \$30,000.00

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