

# Mann of His Time

by Ed Youngblood

America has never produced a more accomplished and versatile professional motorcycle racer. Dick Mann held a position in the prestigious top ten in the American Motorcyclist Association Grand National Championship for 16 years, was the first man in history to win every category of AMA Grand National competition, was America's team captain at the Trans-Atlantic Match Races in Great Britain in 1971, was twice AMA Grand National Champion, won the Daytona 200 twice, and much more.

While his performance on the race track alone is enough to establish Mann as one of the greatest motorcycle racers in history, his accomplishments do not end there. Mann pioneered race track safety and influenced major political changes within the American Motorcyclist Association. He raced during a period of major transition in the motorcycle sport, and influenced many of its changes. He is an inventor, a fabricator, and an accomplished motorcycle frame designer, and in recent years has become one of the foremost leaders in the vintage motorcycle racing movement, serving for the past 13 years on the board of trustees of the American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association.

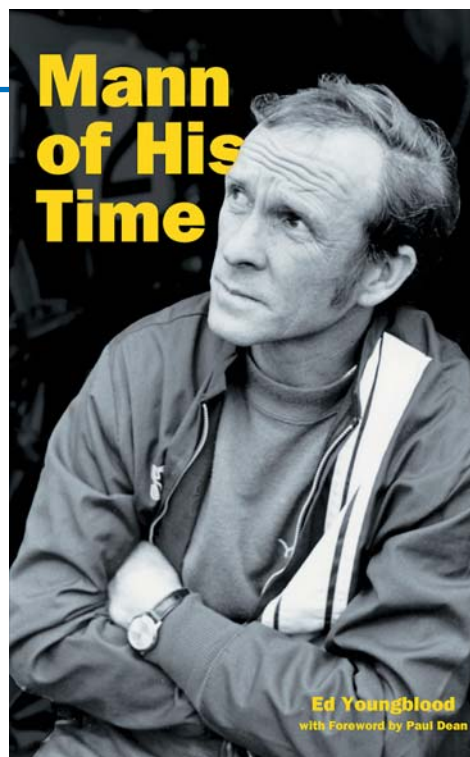
Author Ed Youngblood draws upon his 30 years of experience in the motorcycle industry, an exhaustive review of motorcycle literature from 1950 to the present, and interviews with more than a hundred of Mann's friends, colleagues, and competitors to tell Dick Mann's remarkable and inspiring story. He describes Mann as "a living national treasure" within the motorcycling community, and backs up that idea with a detailed history of Dick Mann's influence during the last five decades of motorcycle racing in America.

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## The Author

In 1970 Ed Youngblood was recruited by the American Motorcyclist Association to become managing editor of *American Motorcyclist* (at that time entitled *AMA News*), beginning a 28-year career with the Association. From head of the AMA's communications department he moved to direct its government relations program, then was appointed President and CEO in 1981, serving until mid-February, 1999.



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## Key Selling Points

- Dick Mann is one of the most famous names in motorcycling
- Written by former President of the American Motorcyclist Association, and veteran motorcycle historian, Ed Youngblood

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