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by [laverdaian](#) » Wed Jul 25, 2012 2:38 am

Thanks Crispin.. we await. Good luck with it all..

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by [blairb](#) » Fri Jul 27, 2012 9:49 am

I have been enjoying this thread as we get closer to being on the track and visiting yesteryear, what a buzz. It has been interesting on another level as I was riding during the anti-dive era and was part of an attempt to improve what in theory at least seemed the way forward. My Roberts F1 Suzuki had a 'special' front end brought into NZ for the 6 hour bikes which the Hiscock brothers rode. Everybody was running anti-dive so we just tried our best to make that work, under steady braking it was good you had stability and kept a specific trail, under hard braking it was very hard to get it working just right. Steve Roberts set up a link on the swingarm which held the bike down during braking this was to a degree an attempt to negate the anti-dive but it was real hard to manage, you had a corner in front of you all sorts of things going on and as you applied rear brake the bike would flatten out which would change your turn arc etc, Robert (Holden)& Norris Farrow both tried it without success I tried it for a while with even less, in the end I only used it on the way out of a turn if I needed to straighten things up a bit. I don't think Dave Hiscock ran with it on his Roberts. Steve knew at that time the problems with anti-dive and was trying different things. Rodger Freeth ran the same front end as my bike and on occasion when we had braking duels his bike was more settled (that was Rodger all round) so apart from the talent gap Rodger, I believe had disconnected the anti-dive!

Looking back it's a funny thing, because the factories built anti-dive most of us thought that they know best so we have to adapt, it was an idea that hit a dead end. Just because the 'factories' don't follow a path does not mean that the 'idea' is of less value it just didn't suit them. Bringing the Laverda out with the Earls will be a welcome acknowledgement of an idea that I suspect just didn't suit commercial interests of the day, who knows, let's have some fun.



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