Whether you ride a stocker, chopper or all-out racer, Triumph ignition problems can be eliminated with the installation of the Joe Hunt Magneto. The guy with the chopper gets an added advantage along with a super ignition, he can trash five pounds of wires along with the coils and possibly the battery.

The magneto is simply a self-contained unit which generates its own electricity. Thus, where the coil system draws current from a generator and battery, the magneto doesn't even need them. The mag generates its own current with strong magnetic fields induced in a primary coil. When the points in the magneto open, the ground circuit is

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TOP LEFT—Magneto drive shaft mounted out of sequence to demonstrate how exhaust cam drives magneto to produce spark.

LEFT—Although not a necessity, installation of the magneto was aided by having mounting plate half-arched to cam cover.
LEFT—Cam cover has mating surfaces coated with a gasket sealer and installed.

BELOW—It is a very good idea to familiarize yourself with the internal workings of magneto before mounting it. Inside the mag are the condenser, points and coil which eliminated the need for a battery, coils, distributor and mass of wiring.

LEFT—Magnetoo drive shaft is installed and secured. The mag body is then ready to be mounted. Allen screws are used as retainers and fit into slotted holes.

BELOW—Primary cover is removed and timing wheel is mounted to the end of the crankshaft. Ignition timing is then properly set to your engine specs.

BELOW LEFT—Last few steps of completing the installation are to mount the spark plug wires and also a kill button or ignition switch wire.

broken and the current “backs up” into the secondary coil which sends a low current but extremely high voltage power surge to the plugs.

These are the big advantages over the coil system, but there is one more important point to cover. Coil systems on bikes (which are the most popular type) tend to lose power as the rpm’s increase because the coils just don’t have time to fully charge. The magneto is just the opposite. The magneto produces 36,000 volts at 6000 rpm while the coil system can deliver only 16,000 volts at the same engine speed. You can imagine just how much more fuel the mag can fire at high rpm compared to the coils. The Joe Hunt magneto is also made for several other makes and models of bikes. For further information, write to: Joe Hunt Magneto's, 2600 W. Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles, California.