

1919-1928



Nimbus Model A/B

1934-1959



Nimbus Model C



ABOUT THE NIMBUS MOTORCYCLE

*N*imbus was launched in 1919 by Fisker & Nielsen of Copenhagen Denmark, which began manufacturing electric motors in 1906 and switched to vacuum cleaners in 1910. In 1919 Peder Fisker decided he could improve on the 4-cylinder Belgian FN, and his son Anders followed in his footsteps.

The rarest Nimbuses are the Models A and B “Stovepipes,” named for the six-inch-diameter backbone spine that also held the fuel. Between 1919 and 1927, just 1,252 were made. About 100 survive, including two in the United States.

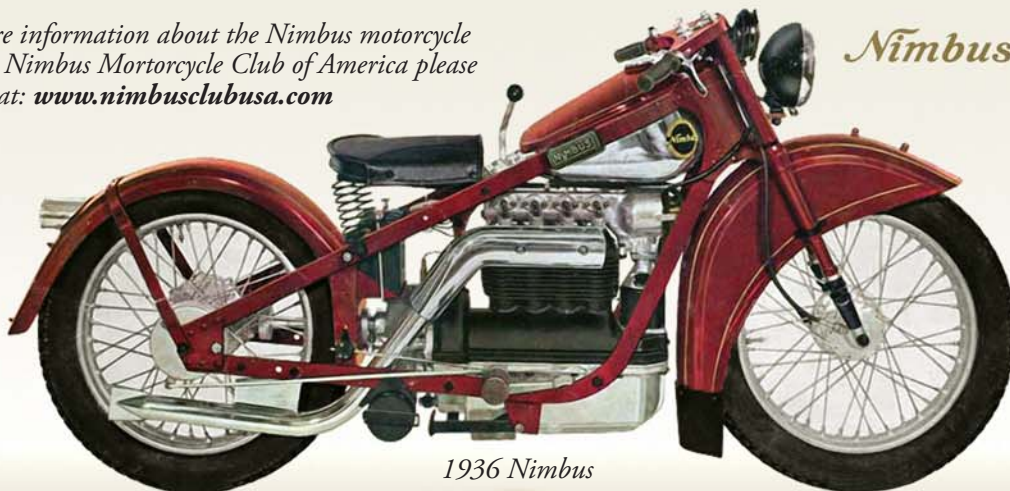
The majority of surviving Nimbuses are the Model C, which was made from 1934 to 1959. The engine is an SOHC inline 4-cylinder of 746 cc, generating 22 hp, and known as the “bumblebee” due to its exhaust note. It was the first motorcycle ever manufactured with telescopic front forks, although only by a couple of years before the German BMW. It is also an original ‘hard-tail’ with the rear suspension consisting of either coilsprings or rubber straps on the seat mounts. The reason for this is these motorcycles have a direct shaft drive—no chain or belt. The most notable thing about these bikes however, is the fact that the engine has no valve covers. This means that as the engine is running one can actually follow the movement of the 8 intake and exhaust valves, springs and rocker arms. The motorcycle can reach speeds of 75 mph when geared for solo riding and about 55-60 mph when geared for a sidecar.

There are still about 4,500 Nimbuses registered in Denmark today, not including the ones not registered for the road. It is estimated that at least 7,000 to 8,000 of these old classic bikes are still in existence around the world today. This is a great testament to the durability of these 50 to 75 year old motorcycles and one of the reasons Nimbus owners are passionate about riding and maintaining these great Danish bikes.

It is estimated that there are about 150 to 200 of these motorcycles in North America today. Over 60 of these bikes are registered to members of our club, The Nimbus Motorcycle Club of America, founded in 2000 by Kaj J. Pedersen of Seal Beach, California. We are the largest Nimbus motorcycle club in North America with over 50 members across the U.S. and Canada.

For more information about the Nimbus motorcycle and the Nimbus Motorcycle Club of America please visit us at: www.nimbusclubusa.com

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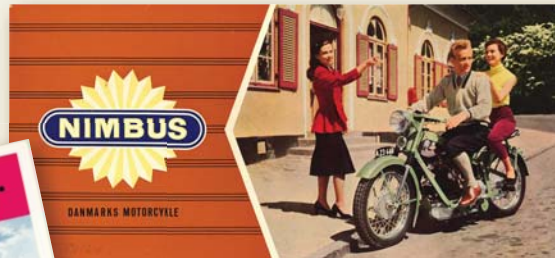


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Vintage Nimbus sales brochures and marketing materials by Fisker & Nielsen Copenhagen, Denmark (shown left to right).

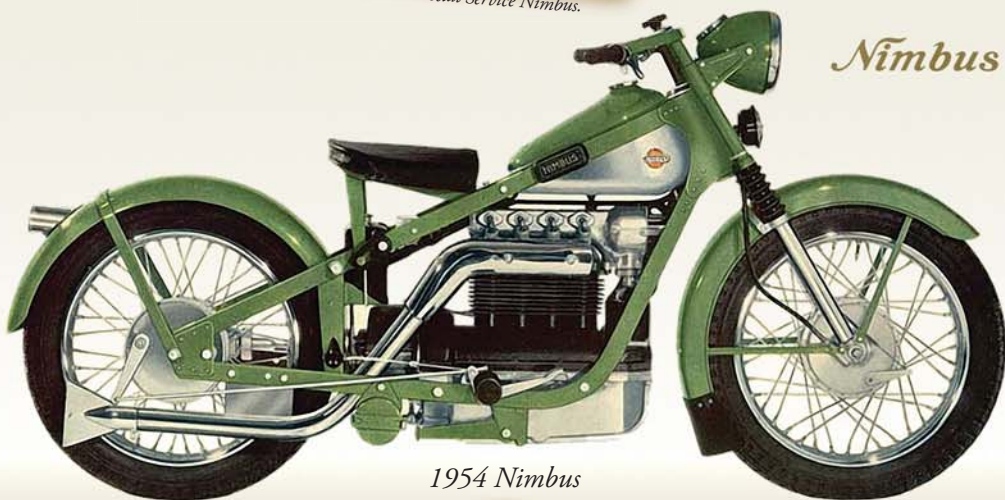


Member, Mark Christoffersen's 1926 Model A Kakkellovsror "Stovepipe" (shown center).



President, Kaj Pedersen's 1949 Nimbus with ACAP sidecar.

Member, Leif Gyldstrand's 1949 Postal Service Nimbus.



1954 Nimbus

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