

It ain't skittery, like a horse.

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Paul Sakraida is a man who has more use for Yamaha bikes

than he does for horses. Paul and his sons, Jack and Mark, run a place up in The Rogue River Valley of Oregon.

Paul says the Yamaha 175 has a horse beat three ways. "First of all, it isn't skittery. You see, when you're running neck-and-neck with a half-ton bull, you don't want to be riding something skittery. Not when you're riding over mud, ruts and irrigation ditches."

The 175 is also quicker than a horse. "We had some cattle so wild we just wanted to ship 'em off. You think they could catch those things on horses? It was comical. Jack finally got the bikes out and the cattle in. It's when

they break away from you that you need something quick on the pick-up." The Yamaha is cheaper than a horse. "A horse eats like a horse. That bike eats more like a bird." How did the Sakraidas happen to decide on the Yamaha 175? "Word of mouth. Good dealer service. Good performance on the old 90 we had."

Paul's sons, Jack and Mark, finally get a word in edgewise. They like an occasional trail ride up to Greyback Mountain, way up beyond George the Hermit's place. How does the Yamaha perform? "It's got it there when you need it," says Jack. Mark, 18, puts it another way: "We've never

had to push one back." Not to be outdone, Paul decides to pay the CT3 175 a bit of a compliment.And coming from him, we consider it a very handsome compliment.

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He says that as far as he can see there's nothing wrong with it.

1973 YAMAHA 175 CT3

Maximum speed range Climbing ability Minimum braking distance Engine type Displacement Bore & stroke Compression ratio Maximum torque Lubrication system Starting system Transmission

Weight (net)

67 mph plus 32 degrees 49 ft @ 31 mph 2 stroke. Torque Induction[®] single 1043 cu in 66 x50 mm 68 1 119 ft lb @ 6,000 rpm Autolube

Primary kick starter 5 speed gearbox

214 lbs

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