

It's finally here! New season, new opportunity to do better than last year resulting in a "new you." Oh yeah, and of course a new bike! What better time to lay out plans for a new season! Since you've acquired your new bike, it's time to look into the benefits of that new KX.

First, you'll be far better off if you familiarize yourself with the owner's manual for your new bike. These manuals are frequently overlooked and contain an incredible wealth of information regarding the service and maintenance of your bike. If there's one thing that Team Green has witnessed from years of field experience, it's that well maintained motorcycles not only have better performance and give better service, but they last longer as well



Maximum Impact

Keeping up with the recommended maintenance schedule should allow you to receive the maximum benefit from your new race bike.

The owner's manuals are organized into several sections: general information, maintenance and adjustment, troubleshooting guide, engine and suspension tuning, and storage. Within the general information section, there is a segment that highlights "Daily Pre-Ride Checks." It's always a good idea to "look over" your bike before you start riding. In many instances, a pre-ride check allows for potential problems to be caught before they become "real problems." There is also a maintenance and adjustment segment within the general information section. This schedule is broken into "time lines" regarding the various recommended maintenance procedures for your bike. Believe it or not, this schedule is fairly comprehensive and will guide you in providing the necessary services to keep your KX worthy of a podium finish on a weekly basis. Also within the maintenance and adjustment section is a torque table. Correct fastener torque is extremely important for each component of the bike.

In the troubleshooting guide section, you'll find troubleshooting recommendations on everything from engine problems to han-

dling issues. Although not completely comprehensive, this section can certainly speed up the troubleshooting process when time is of the essence at the races.

In the engine and suspension tuning section, there are graphs and charts that illustrate the working ranges of the carburetor and suspension components. There are symptoms and corrections listed for these components that will aid in getting the most from your KX.

If the maintenance of your KX requires a little more in-depth information, Kawasaki prints service manuals for the KX models. These manuals are extremely comprehensive in all service and repair procedures for each of the bikes' components. These manuals list any special tools that are either necessary or make the job easier. These service manuals, as well as special tools, can be purchased from your Kawasaki dealer.

Now that we have the bike handled, it's time to take care of you by registering for Kawasaki's Contingency Program. Simply go to the web at www.kawasaki.com and check out the benefits. You can even register on-line. In no time, you'll be collecting funds on your contingency MasterCard account since you've stayed on top of your bike's maintenance and good results seem second nature! ■