

THE ISLE OF MAN TT

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The TT Races started in
1907.

The start of the first event was next to
Tynwald Hill at St. John's.



Some of the racing bikes even
had pedals on to help climb the
big hills.



And the riders only wore
ordinary clothing, not leather
suits like today.



The 15-mile course went by
Glen Helen, Kirk Michael and
Peel.



And the roads were little more
than dirt tracks in those days.



In 1911 the TT moved from the
Peel Course to the Mountain
Course we know today.



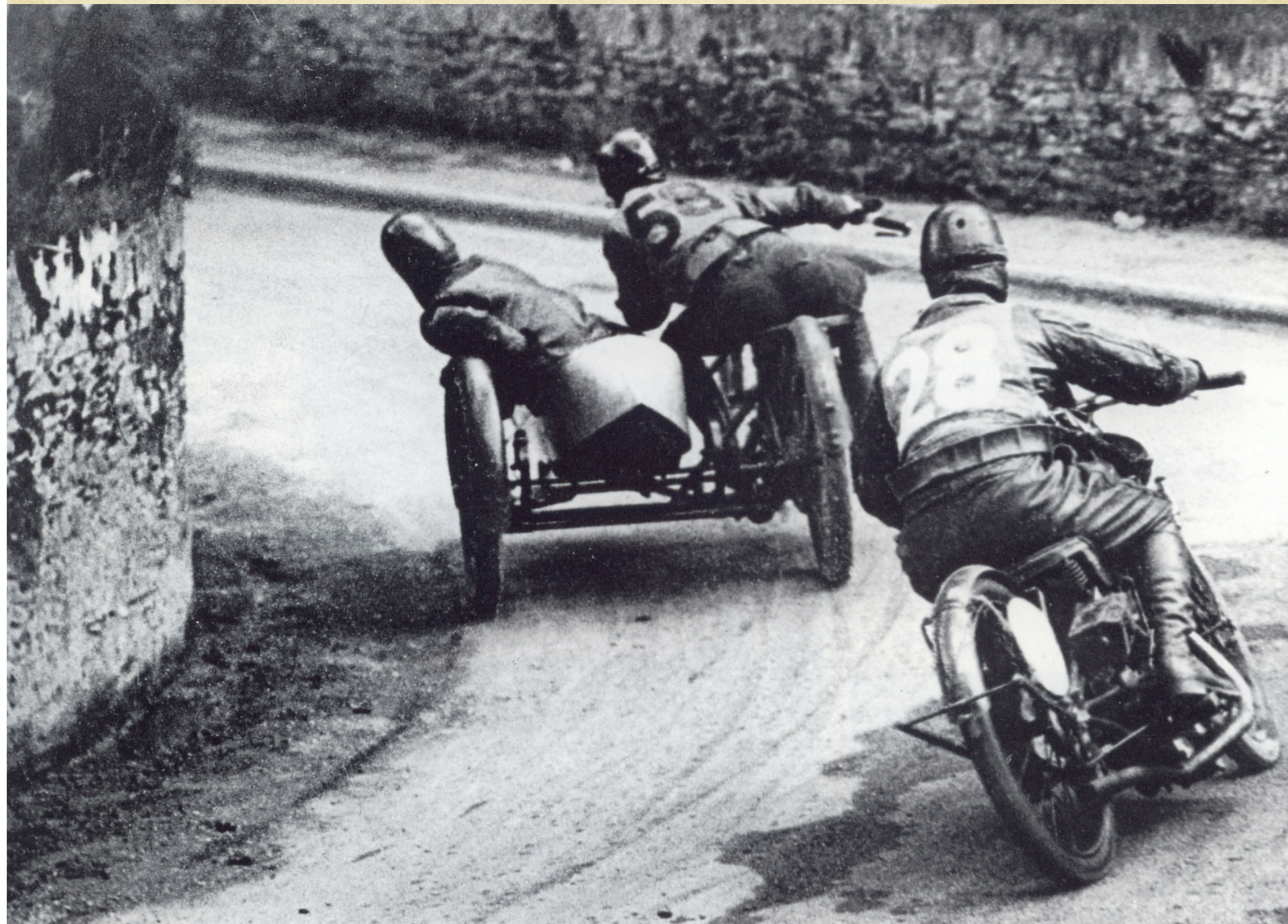
And the bikes had to go a long way on the petrol they were given – not like today's bikes which can hardly do two laps without stopping for more fuel!

The motorbikes then were very
hard to ride – hardly any
suspension at all!

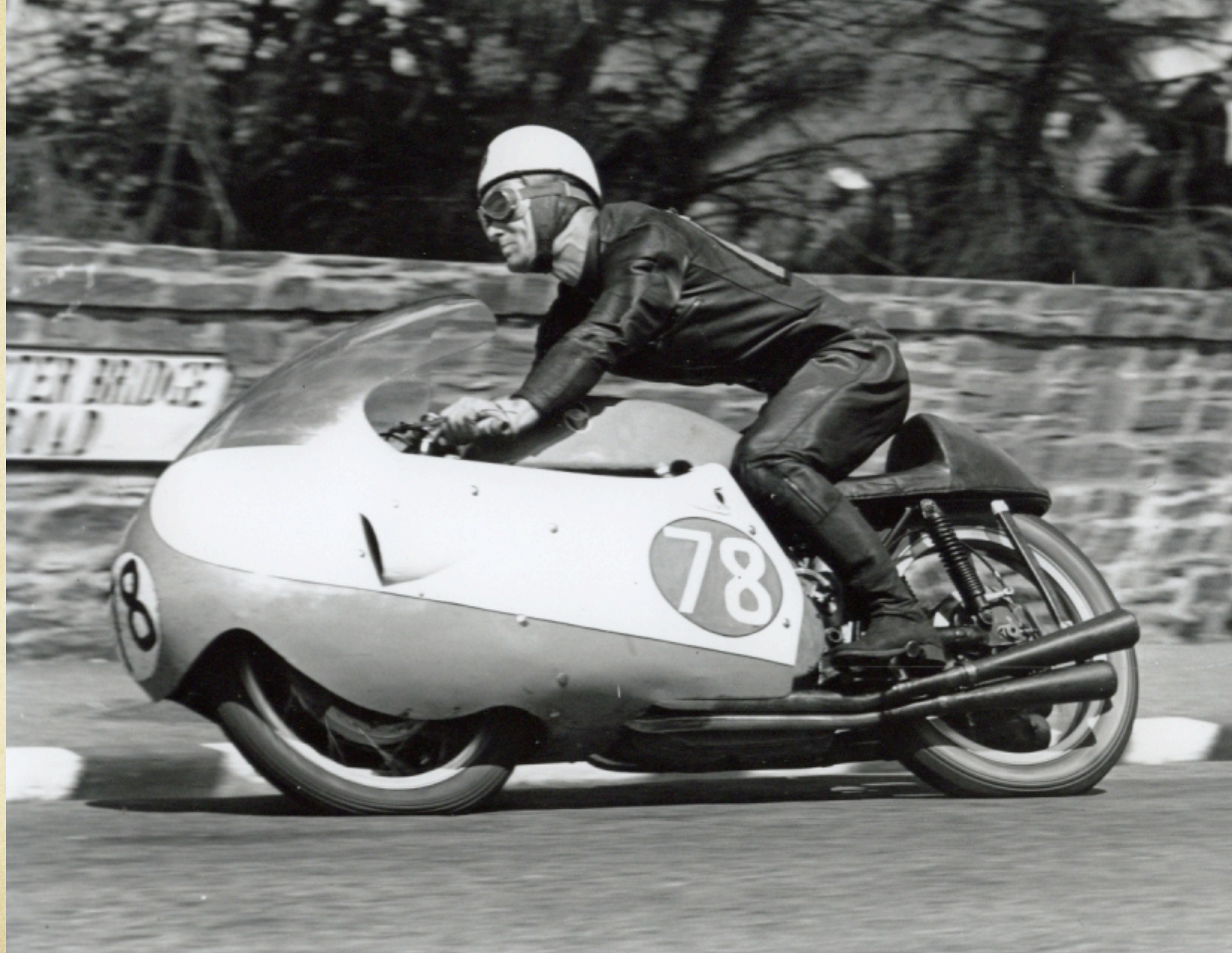


D.C. GODFREY "INDIAN"
2nd IN THE SENIOR T.T. RACE (DEAD HEAT)

Sidecars, too, took part for a few
years but then vanished until
1954.



As the years went by, speeds kept getting faster and faster and by 1957 the 100mph lap was broken.

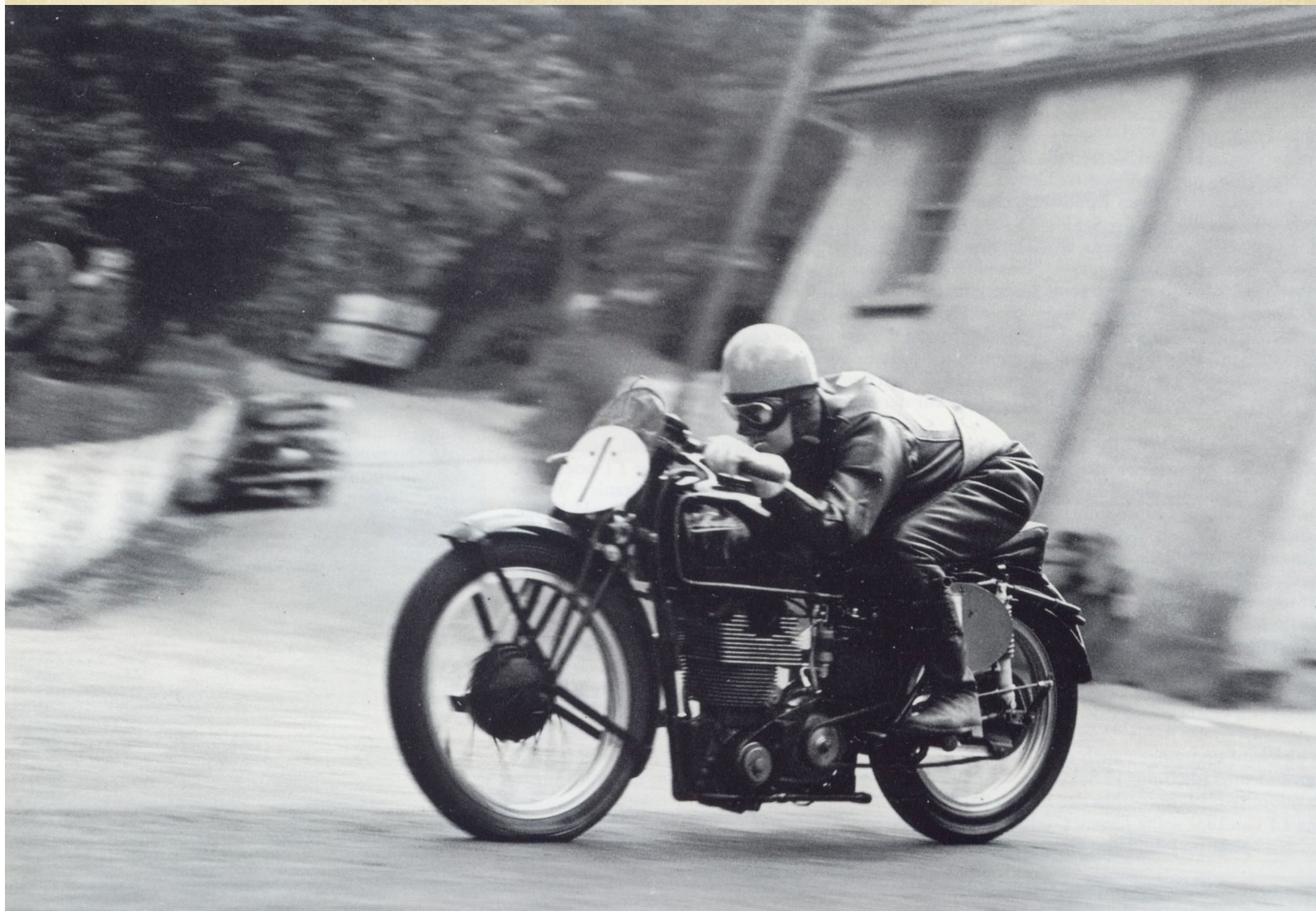


The bikes had become very fast,
with top speeds over 170mph!



Some of the famous TT names
include:

Stanley Woods



Geoff Duke



Groff Duke

Mike Hailwood



Joey Dunlop



John McGuinness



While the top man in the
sidecars is Manx-man
Dave Molyneux.



Nowadays, the lap record is
over 130mph!



It's all a long way from the a
century ago when the old guys
met up at St. John's to start the
very first Isle of Man TT!

