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## **KYMCO Scooters Go Racing, Capture Trophies**

**Inman, SC** —The Moped Hospital in Key West, Florida, is one of the largest scooter dealers and rental outlets in the U.S. With more than 200 KYMCO scooters in its fleet, the Moped Hospital is sold on KYMCO quality and support. Their confidence is so high that they decided to make an extreme leap — take modified Super-9 models and form a racing team.

Already very popular in Europe, the sport of scooter racing is growing in the U.S. Races are usually run on go-cart tracks, with trophies and bragging rights the only rewards. One organizer, the Mid America Sport Scooter Racing Association, bills it as “the cheapest form of road racing on the planet!” Even on these short, flat tracks, scooters reach speeds of 55-60 mph.

“It’s amazing what we can get out of such a small motor,” says Moped Hospital co-owner Steve Olson, referring to the 50cc engine found in the KYMCO Super-9 models his team is racing.

For the track, stock KYMCO engines are modified using aftermarket parts that come primarily from Europe. The “European Power Pack” (available from Moped Hospital Racing) includes a 70cc performance aluminum cylinder and piston from Airsal, a new Arreche 19mm carburetor to replace the factory 14mm carb, and a Technigas performance exhaust. Moped Hospital Racing also offers a Taiwanese Power Pack that is somewhat lower in price. Aftermarket primary gear sets, belts, clutches, and variators (transmissions) are also available.

Ryan Bastianelli of Chicago is the Moped Hospital team’s top rider. “With these 50cc engines (kitted to 70cc) we are able to beat some of the 150-200cc Vespas,” says Steve Olson.

Moped Hospital and especially Olson have had a long relationship with STR Motorsports and the KYMCO brand. “As one of the largest moped and scooter dealers in the country, we’ve tried other brands, but it just isn’t worth the aggravation. Key West is small, so when I make a sale I have to be able to support that customer for at least three years, or they will never come back and buy anything from me again. There’s no question that KYMCO builds in good quality, and they support us with replacement parts. As the team racing proves, these models are actually overbuilt from an engineering standpoint.”



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### **About the Super-9**

The Super-9 is the top of the line of KYMCO 50cc scooters, featuring a liquid cooled, oil injected engine with electric start. Front and rear disc brakes, under seat storage and aggressive styling place the Super-9 in a class of its own. This scooter has the edge, delivering performance and value wrapped in a striking visual package.

### **About KYMCO**

With headquarters in Taiwan and distribution in 63 countries, KYMCO is a global leader in power-driven products, under the corporate slogan "Power Your Life." Five manufacturing plants in Asia use the latest technology for the engineering and production of reliable engine, chassis, and other components. KYMCO is committed to maximum customer satisfaction and constant innovation, making use of the most advanced CAD/CAE tools to provide the best technical service.

KYMCO scooters, motorcycles and ATVs are imported through KYMCO Motorsports USA in Inman, South Carolina, where the warehouse, management, and marketing facilities are located. An ever-expanding dealer network currently serves over 400 U.S. locations. Dealer inquiries are invited.

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