

JOHN WORKS ON DICK DALE'S TRIUMPH MOTORCYCLE

I think you'll like this; in 1969, I worked for a motorcycle shop; Award Motors in Costa Mesa, CA. We had the franchised lines of Honda, Yamaha, Triumph, Bultaco, and some others as well. One of our customers was Dick Dale the leader of a famous 60's surf band. Dick frequently brought his Triumph Bonneville in for service work. I recall one day when we serviced his bike, Gary Thomas had taking the bike for a test ride in the rain where he slid the bike out. When I saw Gary bringing it back I almost croaked. The seat was torn, upswept megaphone mufflers with scraped chrome, side cover mangled. Gary and I quickly began effecting repairs since Dick was to show up anytime. We accomplished pretty much everything except for one crucial thing; the gas tank which featured a cool gold-leaf lettering which marked **D/D** for Dick Dale. We were trembling when Dick came in to pick up his bike and explained what happened, but as a true champion, Dick just said "Don't worry about it, can you fix it". I don't recall what happened after that, but I know Gary and I looked at each other with relief...



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Dick Dale (born Richard Anthony Monsour on May 4, 1937) is a Lebanese American surf rock guitarist, known as The King of the Surf Guitar. He pioneered the surf music style, drawing on Eastern musical scales and experimenting with reverberation. He worked closely with Fender to produce custom made amplifiers, including the first-ever 100-watt guitar amplifier. He pushed the limits of electric amplification technology, helping to develop new equipment that was capable of producing distorted, "thick, clearly defined tones" at "previously undreamed-of volumes." The "breakneck speed of his single-note staccato picking technique" as well as his showmanship with the guitar is considered a precursor to heavy metal music, influencing guitarists such as Jimi Hendrix and Eddie Van Halen.

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