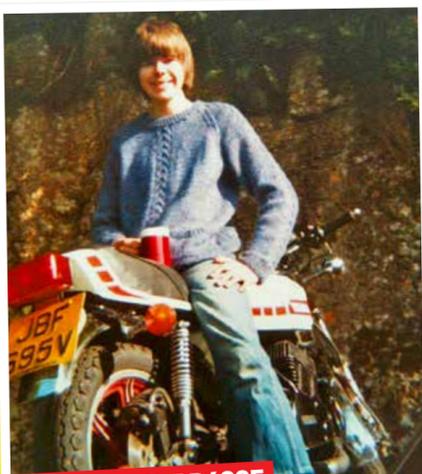


YAMAHA FIZZY

My FZ1-E SS in candy gold. Pictured in 1979, Hastings. It was bought for £120 the previous year. **Jonathan Rudd**



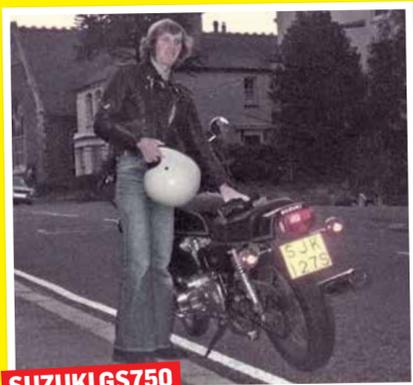
1980 YAMAHA RD400E

No pictures of me and my Suzuki AP50 (first bike), but hopefully this photo of me and my 1980 RD400E will do. **Ian Hughes**



KAWASAKI KH200

At 17 I upgraded from my first road bike – a nifty Suzuki AP50 – to the mighty Kawasaki KH250 two-stroke you see here. **Simon**



SUZUKI GS750

And here is my brother Steve, pictured with his slightly bigger Suzuki GS750. **Jonathan Rudd**

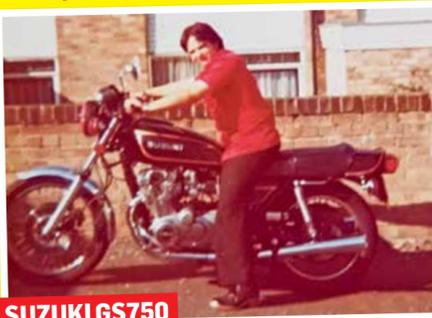


HONDA C70

My field bike with its JPS colourscheme. From left: Me, mate Andy Rouston, sisters Sarah and Lucy, and Ted the dog. **Richard Oldfield**

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SUZUKI GS750

This wasn't my first bike because I don't have any photos of my Puch Maxil I was only 17 (in 1978) when I got my first 750. **Steve Scott**



YAMAHA PW50

Baz and Rob at Cadwell Park in 1985 on their PW50 – great fun. They've both got their full licences now. **Cliff Briggs**



HONDA SS50

My little sister on her Honda SS50 back in the day, she now rides a slightly bigger Triumph Street Twin. **Jed White**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Driver claims he's got whiplash'

I was involved in a minor accident with a car when we were both going around a blind bend. I didn't think either party was to blame. I wasn't injured and the damage to my bike was pretty minor and has since been repaired. I thought this was all done and dusted about a year ago but apparently the car driver is now trying to claim for whiplash. My insurance company has told me that I may have to go to court to help defend the claim, but they've told me it will still go down as a fault accident even if it's settled on a knock-for-knock basis. Given that I have nothing to gain, do I have to help my insurance company here?

Gerry Young, email

A Yes, you do have to provide reasonable assistance to your insurers, which could include being a witness. It's generally a term of insurance policies that you are only indemnified as long as you help to minimise the amount which they have to pay out on any claim. If you

'If you don't help the insurer could then sue you'

failed to do so, you would be in breach. They would still have to pay out on the third party's claim, but they could then sue you for being in breach of contract for the money which they had paid out, and any legal costs. Insurers are hot on whiplash so they may want you to give evidence as to how the car driver was at the scene. If you don't know how the driver was then be explicit about that. You may find that if they know that your evidence doesn't help their case then they won't want you to be involved.

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McPINT



'Feels like the year is getting started'

GP testing is here and McGuinness can't wait for the first race

It's been mega seeing all the new MotoGP bikes out in Sepang this week. I love it when testing starts because it means we've got over that rubbish bit of the weather, life is kicking in and everyone is going riding again. It's the first time we get to see who's doing what, who's got what and who has left no stone unturned in their training and fitness preparations over the winter.

But saying all that, you can never read too much into the Sepang test because it's the first test of the year and it's a funny track. It'll be cold in the morning

'IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE GET TO SEE WHO'S DOING WHAT'

and everyone goes like hell, then it's red hot in the afternoon so they go slower and then it pisses down with rain.

It's a hard one to judge where everyone is, but at the end of the day everyone gets some decent track time, which is what it is all about. The clever riders will just be doing their thing and not worrying about lap times during the opening test. They've got the experience so they won't be sticking their necks out, they don't want to end up upside-down in the gravel, they just want to be putting the mileage in and bonding with their team



Like the rest of us, McPint wants the racing to start now...

and crew chief because it's been a bit of a break. Whenever I did my first test of a year I always saw it as a bit of settler, everyone working together again and there was no need to try to re-invent the wheel.

Saying that there will no doubt be plenty of new stuff on show, new swingarms, new wings and no doubt loads of stuff we can't see! At the end of the day the best man is going to win and all the questions only really begin to get answered when the lights go out at the first round of the championship in Qatar in a few weeks' time.



As the machines wheel out on track it's a chance to see who's got what this year

ASK McGUINNESS

Who's going to win the MotoGP title this season?



Richard Brown
We'll have to see! I'd love someone to take it to him, but I just can't see anyone beating Marquez.

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