



HONDA ATC 110

My sister Kirsty on my first bike, a ATC Honda 110, in 1979. Our dad Mick raced the 250R version in 1982. **Richard Scott**



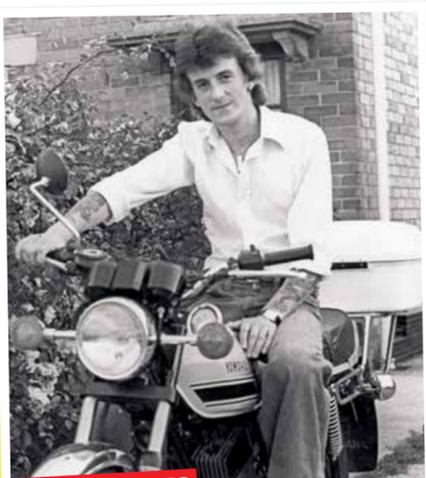
YAMAHA PW50

This is my son Noah, 5, getting his first bike, a Yamaha PW50, for Christmas, in hero Valentino Rossi's colours! **Jon Hargreaves**



YAMAHA V50

My first bike with my dad c.1996, a Yamaha V50 which got me into bikes. Dad passed when I was 17. I hope he's proud. **Donald Barclay**



YAMAHA RD250

My 1978 Yamaha RD250. I loved this bike from the brilliant, late 1970s two-stroke era! **Steve Wright**



GARELLI TIGER CROSS

My brother Charlie in a classic 1970s picture! **Annie French**



TRIUMPH SCRAMBLER

I passed my test at 54 and aim to keep my first bike forever! **Peter Dunham**



YAMAHA TRI-Z

Me with my mates Fish and Mally fuelling up my 1987 Yamaha Tri-Z just after they banned them. Still got it, still ride it, still terrifying. **Ben Pike**

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GSX-R AND THUNDERCAT

Me and my mate's 'first big bikes' after we passed our motorcycle tests back in 2012. **Craig McCaffrey**

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Q 'I came off after hitting cow muck...'

It was interesting reading your column about the crash on horse muck. I was going round a sharp left hand bend on a country road at about 15mph a year ago when I came off my Hayabusa on cow muck which was all over the road. The problem was that three roads all converged onto this part of the road so proving which farmers' cows were responsible would be impossible. With summer coming, it may be useful if you could, in your column, give us bikers advice on what to do if we have an accident to help make a claim.

Keith Devlin, email

A The following steps should be taken immediately after an accident to provide yourself with the best prospects of pursuing a successful claim for injury and any associated financial losses.

- Obviously, in case of serious injury someone should call 999 for ambulance and police.
- Even if not a 999 scenario

'Take details and pictures of all parties involved'

you should report the accident to the police using 101.

- Take details of all other parties involved. The more information you get the better but you need at least name, address and vehicle registration (if relevant).
- See if there are any witnesses who will give you their details. You want name, address and phone number.
- Take photos of the scene and all vehicles/animals involved. With vehicles get pictures of number plate, any damage, and its position on the road.

Andrew Campbell

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'It'd be a master-stroke by Yamaha'

Lorenzo's return to the Japanese squad gives McGuinness an idea

What a proposition it would be to see Rossi and Lorenzo as teammates again. Two old sparring partners who have won 14 championships between them. It's a PR dream and would be a master-stroke by Yamaha.

These are two riders that haven't forgotten how to do it, so win lose or draw they'd be a major draw! And if I was running MotoGP I'd be working to pull it together immediately. We've all seen how well satellite teams can work, look at Zarco - he was fast at Tech3 Yamaha and then

'AT THE END OF THE DAY NOBODY IS TOO OLD TO LEARN'

went into an official team and it all went wrong. I can see Rossi working well in a satellite team and he could also hide behind the fact it's not a factory squad if it doesn't work out.

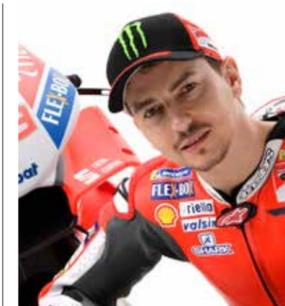
It was interesting seeing Lorenzo in Rossi's garage at Sepang giving him a hand. In a way it's like someone telling me how to do a lap of the TT, but Rossi isn't stupid and if he can scrape some information out of Lorenzo that means he laps 0.2s faster he's going to take it. It's totally up to Rossi as to whether he thinks Lorenzo is talking out of his arse and he'll see straight



Lorenzo gave old sparring partner Rossi some tips in Sepang

through him if he needs to.

At the end of the day nobody is too old to learn. No-one has it all figured out but saying that I never thought anyone would be out spotting for Rossi! And to be honest I am a little sceptical about the whole 'spotting' thing because it's you on the bike and it could just as easily send you down the wrong path. Rossi will take what he wants from it and Lorenzo definitely has a lot to give. Anyone that can win races on a Ducati which was the hardest bike to ride deserves some kudos, even if it did all go wrong when he joined Honda.



Lorenzo proved his skills when he finally got to grips with the tricky Ducati

ASK McGUINNESS

What did you make of the Sepang test?

Chris Webb
For that many riders and all the manufacturers being that close at the end of three days on track where the lap time is 2m is absolutely incredible. We've got a brilliant season ahead.

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