



HONDA CD175

I was the proud owner of this Honda in 1979, aged 17. I think the slippers and flared jeans add to the look. I'm now aged 56 and am the proud owner of a BMW S1000XR. **Dave Buffrey**



SUZUKI GT550

Not quite my first but it was my first triple; a GT550 in 1975. Talk about a smokin' machine. **Mark Chapman**



BROUGH SUPERIOR SS80

My dad in 1949 on his 1930s SS80. I wish he still had it. **Carolyn Pemberton**



BSA M20

My missus aged three on her dad Mike Southgate's outfit. Sadly Mike passed away at the start of August. **Paul Millington**



HOME-BUILT OUTFIT

My dad built this little gem for me in 1978. **Doug Soakell**

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HONDA HORNET

Enjoying the sun in 1999. Before everyone starts sending in angry letters, I did not ride like this. **Darren Hammond**



VELOCETTE VENOM

My lovely Velocette with me on it and my dad on the pillion seat and my brother looking on. It was great for blasting into North Wales on Sunday from my home in Liverpool. **Ernest Finnesey**



BSA C15

This pic was taken in July 1966 by my classmate Jim Davies. Jim went on to become a professional photographer. **John Davies**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Is driver winging it?

My brother came off his Bonneville when a car driver swerved into his path. The driver said he made the manoeuvre because a bird flew across his windscreen and he thought he was going to hit it. My brother did not see any bird. But anyway, the driver's insurer are saying they are not going to compensate my brother for his injuries and damage to the bike and kit because the driver did nothing wrong and it was just a natural reaction to what the driver thought was a danger. Surely the fact that he swerved into John's path means they should be paying up?

Roger Jenkins, email

A This is a bit of a grey area in law but as with many legal conundrums of this sort it comes down to being reasonable.

Swerving to avoid an animal is an understandable reaction but can be a dangerous one. Swerving should not be the automatic solution to the problem, because it could potentially create greater dangers. It is often safer for a driver to hit the animal rather than swerving into oncoming traffic. In contrast, hitting a

'These cases come down to the size of the animal'

larger animal can have very severe consequences. These cases are likely to come down to the size of the animal and potential harm to the car driver (and passengers) versus the potential damage to other road users.

Your brother's case involves a bird (if the Defendant is to be believed) and as such he is likely to succeed in arguing the car driver was negligent in this instance.

Andrew Campbell

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McPINT



'I'd love to take the taxman on the back'

Our man reckons racers don't get paid well enough for the risks they take

When I hear about footballers wages it makes me a bit sick. I know it's a massive sport, but when you compare it to bike racers it's a bit naff isn't it?

I don't know what the likes of Rea and Marquez earn, but I can pretty safely say I don't think they'll be paid fairly for the risks they take. I'm sure they are paid well, but it's all relative.

Maybe there isn't the money in the sport but it does seem racers do not get paid well compared to other sportsmen when they risk their lives every time they ride.

I don't know how to change it.

'FOR EVERY MILE HE STAYED ON THE BACK I'D PAY 1% TAX'

Maybe there's no way to change it; if the top six boycott a race the man in seventh would still go out and win.

When I won the Senior TT in 2005 I won £21,000 and when I won the Senior TT in 2015 I won £17,900. How does that work?

Then of course, the money goes in your bank and Mr Tax Man takes 40%. After tax I would say racers definitely don't get paid what they deserve.

I do think tax should be adjusted to what you do for a living. At first glance a racer's wage might seem a lot, so we pay a lot of tax, but ultimately

Marquez and Rossi are paid a fraction of what Ronaldo and co get



there are only so many years you can earn that money as a racer whereas Mr Bank Manager will be getting a solid salary until he retires at 65.

I'd love to take the taxman on the back around the TT track. I'd tell him for every mile he stayed on the back I'd pay 1% tax. If he can hold on for the full thing I'll give him the 40%, but if he only lasts eight miles then I'll pay 8%.

It's wrong when there's no prize money at some events as well. If there's people paying to enter a meeting and spectators paying to watch, the racers should get something.



McGuinness says guys like Johnny Rea deserve a lot for their skill and bravery

ASK McGUINNESS

Why do you bother with all these parade laps?
DAN WATKINS



Oh, I love a good parade lap me. I get to ride a lovely bike around a lovely circuit (often the TT) and wave at lots of lovely people. Why wouldn't I do it. And anyway I need the practice right now.

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