



YAMAHA YPVS

This was the first bike I actually owned, a 1983 YPVS 350 in black 'cos they were faster than the white ones. Front tyres seemed to last forever back then. **Tim Plant**



KAWASAKI Z250

I purchased this bike with money I'd saved serving with the Army in West Germany. Flares where still in, honest. **Aidan Lees**



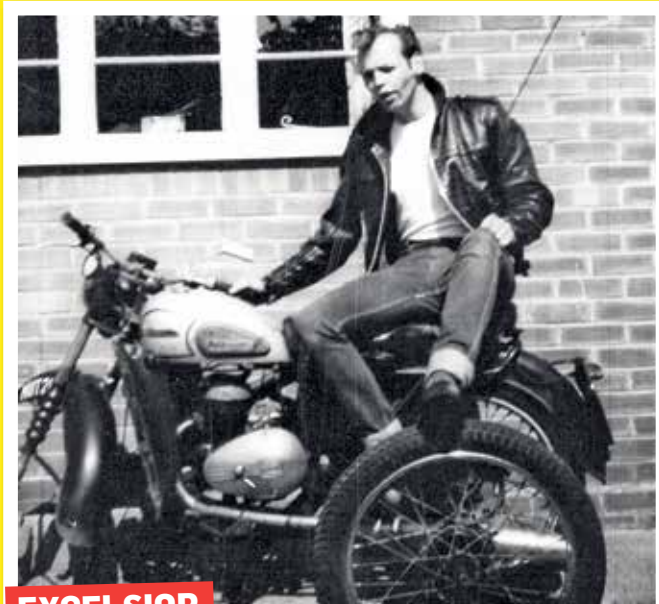
BSA C11G 250

I used it daily for work and also for what seemed an epic voyage, from Kent to Snowdonia, down to Land's End and then home via Stonehenge. **Geoff Hickmer**



SUZUKI PE175

This was summer 1984. I'm still riding today but the fun of those early biking days has never been matched. **Martin Magee**

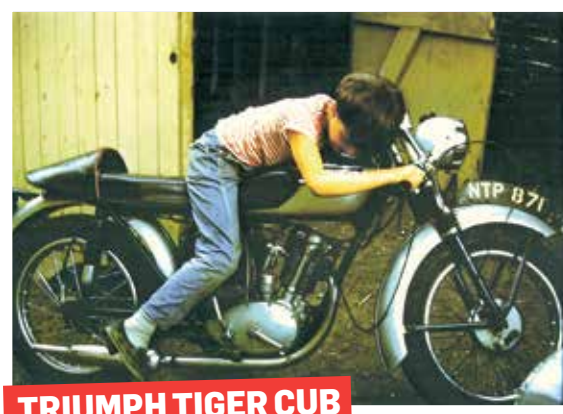


EXCELSIOR

My dad Trevor Ingham, on his Excelsior in 1961. **Martin Ingham**

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TRIUMPH TIGER CUB

I had to wait 52 years to get my own Triumph (a Street Triple, I bought from brother Graham). **Tim Rose**



SUZUKI TS250

The Fonz was cool but I was cooler (or so I thought!). This is me on my Suzuki TS250 in 1980. **Peter Wilson**



YAMAHA PW50

This is my dad teaching my son on the same Yamaha PW50 in the same garden where he taught me about 31 years ago. **Stephen Kelly**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Can I claim for a crash that was caused by diesel spill?

I decided to dust off my bike yesterday and go out for a ride due to the nice weather. No more than ten minutes later I lost traction on a roundabout, and ended up with a smashed collarbone and badly bruised ribs. My brother went to the scene of the accident for me and took some photos of what looked like oil or diesel on the road. Is there anything I can do? I've lost out on a summer of riding, my bike is stuffed and I'm going to be off work for a few weeks.

Robert, email

A I'm sorry to hear about your accident, but the good news is that you can potentially claim compensation against the Motor Insurers' Bureau, which compensates the victims of untraced and uninsured drivers.

You will need to show that on the balance of probabilities (that is, that it's more likely than not) that the spill was caused by the negligence of another road user. Most instances which result in diesel

'Diesel spills are often down to an over-filled tank'

on the road are due to an individual's negligence, and on roundabouts or bends diesel spills commonly occur because an industrial vehicle driver has over-filled the tank.

Your brother's photos will be useful evidence and if you haven't already done so, I suggest that you notify the police so that they can attend the scene and get the local authority to clean up the spill to help other bikers.

Andrew Campbell

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McPINT



'I'd rather buy a bike than a shirt'

MCN's outspoken columnist wants to buy his old 500 GP bike back

The list of bikes I'd like to buy is long. I'd love to get my NSR500 V-twin back, the bike I raced in 1998/1999/2000. One of those would be nice. I remember it being for sale for £25,000 but back then I didn't have £25.

They're gone now and I don't even know where they are. It used to stay in the back of the van and we'd take it around places like Scarborough, Darley Moor, Race of the Year at Mallory Park, the North West and I even raced it at the British GP. When

'I'D RATHER BUY BIKES THAN STUFF TO MAKE ME LOOK GOOD'

do you do that now?

I'd love a MotoGP bike too; I'm not sure what era though. The modern ones have gone a bit wacky if you ask me. The Ducati is mental, it just looks wrong. I think I'd go for one from a few years ago as the latest ones are just too radical. I guess they are built for a purpose though. They certainly aren't built to be pretty.

I'd like a Greg Hancock speedway bike, too. I've got a couple of speedway bikes, including one of Woffinden's championship-winning bikes, but I like Greg. He was World Speedway Champion at the age of 46 and doing that in a



Anyone got McPint's old NSR? He's on the lookout to add it to his collection

young man's game is tough. Speedway is such a raw sport. It's not rocket science, there's not millions of pounds in it. The Grand Prix is the top 16 riders in the world, they've got to qualify to be there and they are within a tenth of a second of each other for four laps. Mind you it's not easy to ride a bike with no brakes.

To be honest I'm always on the lookout for new bikes to add to my collection. A lot of my friends will buy a £100 shirt, or a watch or whatever but I'd rather channel the money into buying a motorcycle. I prefer that over looking good.



The two-stroke Honda used to get loaded into a van and raced all over the country

ASK McGUINNESS

Is it fair bikes will have to pay to ride into London?
PETE WAUGHY



Of course it's bloody not fair. Bikes are the answer not the problem. I don't get why the politicians don't see it. Less traffic, less pollution, less parking space. Just maybe a bit more noise!

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