



YAMAHA RD350

I bought this new Yamaha RD350 and thought I was The Man. To be honest, in Guildford in 1973... I was The Man. **Philip Warren**



MOPED

Me on mum's Moped, before the helmet law came in. I'm now 75 and ride an FZS600 Fazer. With a helmet, obviously. **Richard Danby**



HONDA CB160

My lovely girlfriend Debbie in 1968 (now my lovely wife of 48 years) with our first bike together, a much-missed Honda CB160. **Brian Cook**



TRIUMPH SPORTS CUB

This late 1950s Sports Cub was my first 'real' bike. I got it in 1979 when I was 17. The clutch fell off in the first fortnight. **Tim Hendy**



SUZUKI GT250

I was 18 in the summer of 76 when I got this Suzuki GT250. I burned up the roads of East Retford on that lovely machine. **Dave Clark**

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SUZUKI TS50ER

Here I am rocking the home-made high viz look in 1982 with my Suzuki TS50ER. Happy days. **Ken Lewers**



HONDA SS50

Me on my Honda SS50 at Cwmsychpant in 1980, before moving on to an RD250 in 1981. **Alan Evans**



TRIUMPH DAYTONA CAFÉ RACER

I built this Daytona-based café racer, reg 818 RTV, from a box of bits. I'd love to know where it is now? **Ken Roe**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q I crashed avoiding a car. Who's at fault?

I was involved in an incident where I avoided colliding with a car that changed suddenly into my lane at a roundabout. They were on the inside lane in very slow moving traffic (around 5mph), and I was between two exits. The driver of the car did not indicate before turning into my lane and I had to swerve to avoid him. I went down and damaged my bike quite badly. The driver was adamant that they were not at fault.

And my insurer said that I am at fault as I avoided a collision with the other party. Surely this is not right? It seems unfair as the reason for my evasive action was due to their sudden change in direction without indication.

Richard Gray, by email

A I think you are referring to him being in the offside lane and you to nearside as with roundabouts the inside lane is often thought of being the one by the centre of the roundabout (that is on the right) whereas otherwise the inside lane is on the left side. If so, and if he did not

'It's most likely to be mostly, if not fully, his fault'

indicate or look properly and simply cut you up then it is likely to be mostly his fault if not entirely his fault.

However, there was an unhelpful Court of Appeal (and therefore binding on lower courts on similar facts) case in 2003 called Grace v Tanner which was decided 50/50 and as a result a lot of roundabout cases are often settled on a 50/50 basis. In your case, I would say you should do better than this, if not succeed in full.

Andrew Campbell

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'Too hot? Don't be so bloody daft'

Our man reckons we should stop moaning and just get out more

Have you heard all these people moaning about it being too hot recently? Seriously? What on earth is that all about? I even saw someone the other day saying it was too hot to ride a motorbike at a trackday.

Too hot to ride a motorbike? Don't be so bloody daft. It's perfect weather for riding a motorbike, isn't it? As long as you make sure that you hydrate yourself and get plenty of water through your system it's absolutely fine. The weather

'I GUESS THE ONLY DANGER IS THAT IT DOES INCREASE YOUR CONFIDENCE'

has been absolutely lovely so far this summer (and long may it continue). I really can't think of a better reason to get out there on a bike and revel in the simple pleasures of man and machine. It's a good excuse to drag your mates out, too.

The only danger with all this heat on a trackday is that it does increase confidence a lot. The tyres feel extra grippy when it's really hot so you push and push, which makes a crash more likely.

You do see so many blokes over-tired towards the end of a trackday, wobbling about a bit, but it's not because of the heat in itself, it's because they've not



Kit up, make use of your tyres' summer grip, share a laugh with your mates

managed their day properly, not taken sufficient rests from riding or haven't been drinking enough water at the track.

How can anybody who rides a bike not enjoy this weather? You are almost guaranteed a dry day at the minute. How is that a bad thing? Just stick your cooler gear on and get out there (just make sure whatever you do choose to wear is going to keep you protected).

I've never seen so many bikes on the road, it's brilliant. Lads are getting home from work and going straight out for a spin. Why wouldn't you?



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ASK McGUINESS

Who is your favourite biking celeb?



Gordon Travers

Keanu Reeves is pretty cool. He loves bikes with a passion, and builds his own. I saw him on TV being interviewed once and he said the highlight of the event was chatting to me!

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