



**VINCENT COMET**

My late father John Crook on his wonderful Vincent. **Richard Crook**



**MATCHLESS**

Uncle Bill and mates looking cool during National Service. **Tony Turner**



**YAMAHA FS1-E**

Oozing a certain class with my brother in 1978. I'm the one in the ZIR T-shirt and he's the one with the CD175. **Andy Turner**



**TRIUMPH DAYTONA**

My Daytona five-speed (right) was miles better than my mate Jeff's 250 Honda. This was taken in 1972. **Graham Crouch**



**HONDA SUPERDREAM**

My beloved T-reg CB250N Superdream in 1981. I was nursing a rear puncture and awaiting recovery. **Jonathan Rudd**



**NORTON COMMANDO 750**

I lovingly rebuilt this in 1976 when I was 18. **Phillip Blake**



**YAMAHA PW50**

Here I am aged four. I'm now 17 and passed my CBT last year. **Harry Waite**

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**Q Who's in deep water for canoe drama?**

I was riding to west Wales in the middle lane of the M4 motorway. Quite some way ahead of me in the inside lane was a van with two canoes on the roof. The green one suddenly came loose and flew through the air across the motorway towards the outside lane. The car driver in the outside lane steered left to avoid the canoe hurtling towards him and I braked as hard as I could in my lane. If the car driver had taken me out would he have been at fault? The van driver pulled off at the next exit - not sure if he had any idea what had happened.

**Tony Roach, email**

**A** It sounds like you had a very lucky escape! Drivers have to ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy and any loads securely attached. Clearly the load (in this case, the canoe), was not securely attached and the driver's insurer would be liable for injury and loss caused arising out of the negligent use of the vehicle. If the driver did not stop (he may have pulled off to stop to rescue the canoe

**'Drivers have to ensure any loads are secure'**

or to contact the police) the M4 has CCTV so he could be traced. If not then it would be a case for the Motor Insurers' Bureau to compensate under the Untraced Drivers Agreement. It is likely the car driver would not be held liable. If he were to be brought into proceedings he would likely add the van driver as another defendant hoping that his insurer would meet the claim in full.

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NEW

**'Ride like a cock and you should get a yellow card'**

Our new columnist gives his verdict on Miller, Marquez and Crutchlow

**O**ne good thing about having a bad injury is that you get to watch lots of TV - and bike racing has kept me glued to the box recently. I just put my busted leg up on the sofa and watched MotoGP, BSB and motocross. I felt so sorry for Jack Miller in Argentina. He showed how big his balls are in the wet. He stuck it to them in practice. Then he made the right tyre decision and sat on the grid. I think if six or seven riders had decided to head to the pits after he warm-up lap to change tyres, he'd have been ok. But when the whole grid headed for the pits, both Miller and the organisers were shafted. I was proper gutted

**'MILLER WAS SHAFTED - I WAS GUTTED FOR HIM'**

for him, but I can see how they came to the decision they did - with him on pole and the rest of the field 20 yards back. I'm not sure what else they could have done to keep things fair and safe. I was also thinking they should introduce a yellow card rule, a bit like football. If you're riding like a cock you get a yellow card, a warning. Then if you carry on you get a red card and a penalty. Marc Marquez was taking liberties in practice in Argentina and should have had a yellow card before the race even started. In the race, he was sitting up riders good and proper. It was offensive. He didn't have to pass Valentino Rossi, he could have waited and



'Aggressive is ok, offensive is not. Marquez went well beyond what is acceptable'

passed him easily and safely a bit later on in the race. It was a combination of factors which led to the incident. First, it happened at a corner that drags you in, then there were the poor conditions and finally his bad start meant he was charging through and was on a mission. But you can't do that to another rider, especially Rossi - the man's a god. It's a shame that Cal Crutchlow didn't get the credit he deserved for such a brilliant win. He was patient, did a good job, and timed it right. I love it when he screamed 'do not doubt me' at the cameras. He wears his heart on his sleeve and tells it like it is. He's a fighter, an angry man... and I love him for that.



**ASK McGUINNESS**

**Do you think Brad Ray is the real deal?**  
**NEIL CLAYTON**  
Brad Ray got the holeshot at Donington BSB and was in another class. He just left them down Craner in both races and didn't put a foot wrong. He looked good again at Brands. Many may have thought he was a one-round wonder... I didn't. The boy can ride and if he can avoid any big crashes he'll definitely be a title contender.  
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