



**SUZUKI GT250**  
My first big bike, after a Gilera Trail 50, in 1980. Dodgy army surplus jumper, trainers and hair... great bike. **Dave Candeland**



**MONSTER PRO SERIES**  
My son, Aaron, on his first bike, about eight years ago. The bike was a 50cc Japanese import. **Steve King**



**TRIUMPH T110**  
My dad, Terry 'Big T' West, at Lil's Cafe, Wigan. **Carl West**



**YAMAHA XT500**  
Here's my first Yamaha XT500, with my son on the bike in 1985. He's a good rider now, and I still have the XT. **Raoul Perdrisat**



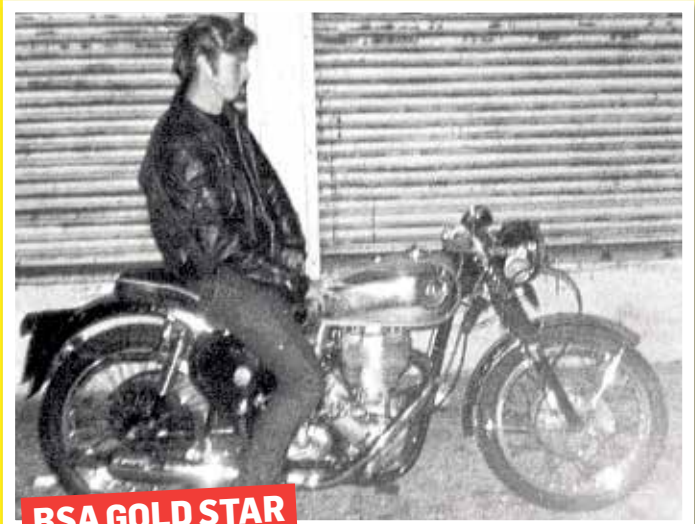
**GM SPEEDWAY BIKE**  
This is me posing on my GM speedway bike back in in 2003. **Jamie Bridgett**



**MAICO MC125**  
Here I am, aged 14, on my first bike, a Maico MC125 scrambler. **David Barnfather**



**HARLEY TRIKE**  
Not exactly my first bike, but my first one since the Eighties. My granddaughters seem to have enjoyed sitting on it. **Ian Campbell**



**BSA GOLD STAR**  
My dad, Peter Long, posing on his 500 BSA Gold Star at Newport, on the Isle of Wight, in the late 1960s. **Wayne Long**

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**Q Crazy pram pusher!**

I would be grateful if you could help me out as my insurer is not helping me. I was riding home in Canterbury - one lane in either direction, both fairly wide. In the oncoming lane was a bus that had pulled over to let people on and off. A car went to go past the bus (there was plenty of room for him to do so without causing me difficulty). However, as he did so a lady pushing a pram walked out in front of the bus. The car swerved to the right to avoid the pram entering my lane and causing me to swerve left to avoid the car. I came off and was fortunately not injured, but the bike and kit took some damage. My insurer is saying they cannot recover my excess as the car driver did nothing wrong. Is this right? What about the lady?  
**Ryan, by email**

**A** You did no wrong. The car driver and pram pusher did. The lady should not have tried to cross a road in front of a bus. It is

**'The lady should not have crossed in front of the bus'**

foreseeable that other vehicles may be overtaking. It should also have been foreseeable to the car driver that when a bus has pulled over, pedestrians may try to cross the road in front of the bus. It will depend on the precise movements and timings to give an accurate liability apportionment. Many buses have cameras front, back and side so you should obtain this as it will show what happened. Your insurer should pursue the car driver's insurer. The lady may have contents insurance covering third party liability or assets to meet the claim, so contact her too.

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**Quartararo? He is no Marquez...**

MCN's man says Frenchman is good, but has a long way to go yet

I am surprised by what he has done. But the question is could you have dragged another rider out of Moto2 and put them on the Yamaha in MotoGP, or has he actually got more minerals than anyone else? I'm not sure he has to be honest. I think if you'd put someone like Baldassari on it they would have done something similar. I think the Yamahas give the rookies an easier time. Absolutely no dis-respect to Cal but he could stick the Yamaha on

**'IF I TRIED A GP BIKE I WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO HOLD ON'**

the podium, Edwards used to do well on it too, but although I'll get shot for this they are riders who weren't at the very sharp end. I'm not going so far as to say the Yamaha is flattering, because I have so much respect for all the riders in MotoGP as I know that if I tried a MotoGP bike I wouldn't even be able to hold on to it. 270 - 280bhp - they are unreal. So for Quartararo to jump on one and do what he's doing... He also has nothing to lose, and he's prepared to have a go. He's in a position where if he keeps finishing on the podium he's a legend and if he crashes



He's the talk of the MotoGP paddock, but is he another Zarco?

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out the front he's also a legend. He's also got a weird style, he's a bit old-school. He sticks his head out a bit like James Whitham. He doesn't really trail his leg, in fact it actually looks like his style shouldn't work, but it does. I think he's just clicked with it. He's only a kid and he's got some big decisions to make over the next few years. But I'm not looking at Quartararo thinking he's the next Marc Marquez - the main reason being - there is no 'next Marc Marquez'. Well, not for a while...



Quartararo has been persistently at the sharp end since stepping up to MotoGP

**ASK McGUINNESS**

**Would you ever race in a sidecar outfit?**  
**Jeremy Gill**



Yeah I would. I'd have to be the rider though - not the passenger, obviously! I've actually had a cheeky go in an outfit, and absolutely loved it.

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