



**SUZUKI GT250**  
This was my first bike and I bought it new in 1978. **Barrie Langlois**



**YAMAHA TY175**  
This is me and my first bike in 1995. I still ride and have a Honda Firestorm and Varadero. **Matthew Plaziuk**



**EXCELSIOR SKUTABYK**  
This was 1964. What a pathetic first bike. I had to push it up hills. **Sam Ford**



**HONDA CG125**  
This was my Honda CG125, complete with top-box. I used to do a 238 mile round trip with it nearly every weekend. **Robert Miller**



**HONDA HORNET**  
My first bike was a '99 600 Hornet. I loved it. I considered buying it back, but I'm on a 2008 GSX-R1000 now. **Jason Redmond**



**HONDA CR80R**  
This is me on my 1999 Honda CR80R as a young 14-year-old. Plenty of fun on the moors of Yorkshire. **Liam Tindall**



**1956 MATCHLESS**  
Taken in 1957 with my then girlfriend - now my wife! **Barry Hipkiss**



**NORTON 650SS**  
Me on my Norton 650SS, while serving with the British army in Germany circa 1968. Note the Dunstall Daytona exhausts. **David Kennedy**

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**Q How can I be accused of a riding offence?**

I have been accused of riding without due care and attention. I was overtaking a line of stationary cars waiting for a red light when a car a few back from the lights suddenly swung out in front of me and I collided with the front wing. I have a witness who said I was not speeding. The car driver has admitted liability in the insurance claim. What can I do as my claim solicitor says he can't help?

**Big Joe, by email**

**A** Driving without due care and attention, otherwise known as careless driving, is when the standard of driving is deemed to fall below the standard expected of a reasonably prudent driver.

This is as opposed to driving that falls well below the standard expected, which is the offence of dangerous driving. You do not state what speed you were doing and that may well be relevant, but the

**'The speed you were doing may well be relevant'**

starting point is that filtering is legal and is, in itself, not evidence of careless driving. You use the word 'overtaking' rather than 'filtering'.

The distinction between filtering and overtaking lies in the comparative speeds of the bike versus the queue of stationary traffic. You say you were not speeding but this could mean you were passing the cars at 30mph which many judges may find to be excessive when the rest of the traffic was at a standstill. I suggest you speak to a criminal lawyer in your area for advice on what to do - it will depend on the precise circumstances.

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**State of mind is key to success**

McGuinness reveals how being happy can help make you a winner

**T**he question that always gets asked is: What makes a great racer? Looking at Marquez, I see a happy boy. Playing on his motocross bike, riding his flat tracker, he's into Barcelona football club, he's young, he's hungry and his state of mind is the absolute key. Mentioning no names, but some riders out there are completely obsessed with what they eat down to what chemicals are or aren't in their



Marquez has an amazing ability to brush off big crashes, and bounce back

**'MARQUEZ IS HAPPY. HE'S GOT THINGS WORKED OUT IN HIS HEAD'**

chicken. I don't think for one minute Marquez worries about chemicals in chickens. He's just got things figured out in his head.

People say you make your own luck. That's rubbish, but you do need some luck. For example, Dani Pedrosa was made of glass; when he crashed he hurt himself, yet Marquez crashed over 20 times last year, more than anyone else, and still won the title. That shouldn't be possible.

You also don't know what's going on behind closed doors. Agro with the wife, kids not well; all we see is the polished legend doing the business on track.

Social media makes it tough as well, because when things aren't going well you get lots of comments and it takes a strong person not to read them. It's a double-edged sword, we all do it, the sponsors love it. But it can push you into a corner and you know riders like Marquez and Lorenzo will have had some proper horrible threats on their timeline. My social media won't be anything like as big as the MotoGP guys, but I might get 100 positive comments and one negative - but it's the negative ones that really hurt.



Dani Pedrosa was the victim of some of the worst runs of luck in MotoGP history

**ASK McGUINNESS**

**Can you actually understand Guy Martin?**  
**Bret Carlson**



I can, mainly because I've met a lot of people from all over. He doesn't make any sense, but I know what he's saying!

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