



HONDA BENLY CB92

This blue and silver Benly was my first bike. It's actually my dad Harry onboard and the year is 1967. I wish I'd kept it. **John Collett**



GARELLI TIGER CROSS

My mum on the back of my first bike. I worked a paper round to buy the Garelli but it was so slow! **Gerry Lane**



SUZUKI GP100

Tony with his SS50, Ian with his RD50 and me with my GP100. **Paul Eaton**



HONDA CBR900RR

A brilliant little loophole meant that by using classic insurance I could ride a Honda FireBlade as my first bike! **Luke Chiles**



TRIUMPH STREET TRIPLE

Here I am riding through Austria last year. The 2013 Street Triple made for a great first big bike after passing the test! **Sam Henry**



KAWASAKI ER-6F

My first rideout after passing my test in March 2013. The picture was taken in a snowy Teesdale. **Andrew Ivson**



HONDA C50

My first bike... circa 1978 and the first of many. I took delivery of an F750GS this year and am still loving riding as much as ever. **Steve Robinson**



TRIUMPH TIGER XRT

Here I am with my first bike, the brilliant Triumph Tiger XRT fully loaded with hard luggage and ready for new adventures. **Lauren Cox**

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Your tricky legal questions answered

'Accident means I need to claim for a car'

My solicitor has told me I can't claim for the future use of a car as opposed to my motorcycle as part of my accident compensation. If I hadn't suffered the accident, I would have continued to use my bike most of the time. The problem is that the car is far more expensive to run than the bike. Over the next 20 or so years of commuting this is really going to add up to a lot of money. I think that it's only fair that I should be able to claim this money but my solicitor tells me it's not possible. Is that right? **Jim Donnelly, Leeds**

A You have not said, but I assume that you are no longer able or willing to ride due to the accident. This could be due to physical factors preventing you from being able to ride or psychological factors doing so. If it's physical, this is straightforward to prove with medical evidence. If the reason is psychological, the most

'You need to get evidence from a medical expert'

common reason is something called a 'phobic anxiety disorder', the phobia being riding a bike. Psychologists usually recommend a course of cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and it works most of the time in my experience. But if that doesn't work it is generally accepted that there is a valid claim for the increased cost of running a car as compared to using a motorcycle. You are right that over the years the costs of running the car will really add up. I would suggest your solicitor arranges to send you to the appropriate medical experts and then takes it from there with the claim.

Andrew Campbell
Solicitor and author of the MCN Law column for the last ten years

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'I'm up for a trip... but no camping'

John McGuinness reveals that he's not too keen on the dark

Iwould love to do a Long Way Down type trip, but it would have to be with the right people. You'd be away for a long time so you couldn't do it with a knobhead. The million dollar question is what bike would you do it on?

I wouldn't want to do it on a modern sportsbike or a naked so I guess you'd need some sort of adventure bike, but not something too heavy for when you inevitably get stuck. I can remember watching Ewan and Charley when they got stuck in a load of ruts and had an absolute

'HONEST TO GOD, I HATE BEING ON MY OWN IN THE DARK ALL NIGHT'

nightmare getting their BMW GSS out again. Thinking about it, what you really want is a Dakar bike because they'll go anywhere and I'd like to include a lot of off-road riding in any trip I'd do.

I think you have to be a special type of person too, because what drives people to do a big trip? Charity maybe? I love travelling, but I think I'd sooner have it a bit more organised than just being out there and living in a tent.

Maybe I could do a bit of it in a tent, but I'm scared of the dark me. Honest to god, I hate being on my own in the dark so a night under the stars isn't my thing! The key for me would be having



There could be wolves and all sorts lurking

a reason to keep on travelling and riding. Something to keep me interested and motivated. I'd need something to inspire me to get to the next place, the next country. I'd have to go to old tracks or old bike factories, places where things have actually happened. I wouldn't just want to ride for the ride's sake.

I'd take my wife Becky, but I don't think she'd come. She doesn't go on the bike with me anymore plus she wouldn't want to leave the kids behind for too long. Maybe I'd have to do it on a sidecar and take the kids along too, that might be a laugh.



'Come on Becky, we've got to get to the hotel before the sun starts going down'

ASK MCGUINNESS

What was your favourite race of all time?



MATTHEW JON LEATHER
Good question. It has to be the 2007 centenary TT. That was the year I set the first 130mph lap and it's something I will never forget.

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