



SUZUKI TS250

This is me circa 1979/80 on my Suzuki TS250 which was being rebuilt in a TZ style after I'd written it off. **Malcolm Pitman**



TRIUMPH BONNEVILLE

I chose my Bonnie based on its looks... then came to appreciate it for being a great ride! **Heike Martin**



YAMAHA DT125

My first dirt bike in 1977. These days I live in Canada and now own four Ducatis, a Triumph Daytona 955 CE and a 1970 BSA Royal Star. **Michael Pettifer**



SUZUKI BANDIT 1200

I purchased my first bike back in February, got the bike MoT'd last month and she's been a blast to ride! **Luke Redman**



SPRITE 250

This was my 1966 Sprite 250. It had a Villiers 37A engine with Greaves square barrel and Q.U.B. exhaust. **Bert Powell**

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SUZUKI TS100

Jackie practising on her first bike, a brand new 1976 TS100 which we both loved to bits. **John Edwards**



VELOCETTE 350 MAC

My first motorbike as opposed to a moped, back in 1965. I am the handsome chap looking at my brother, who is sitting on my bike. **Paul Devenport**



YAMAHA XSR900

My wife Pat, on the right, about to set off on the Motolegends ladies' ride on her new XSR900. She passed her test two years ago. **Graham Harman**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Policy was cancelled for no reason

I am a named driver on my wife's insurance and I had a collision on a roundabout when driving her car. After informing my motorcycle insurer that I had been involved in an accident under a different policy they cancelled my insurance. I was given various reasons, from my recent retirement meaning I was a greater risk, to my present company not quoting because I had nine years NCD. The insurer was unable to advise me of any clause in the policy under which they had acted and I had renewed the insurance two months before the collision, all they could do was offer me another policy at double the price. Is the insurance company entitled to terminate a policy in these circumstances?

Mr DT, email

'They appear to have breached their contract'

This sounds very odd to me. You paid to be covered for 12 months. On face value they appear to have breached the contract with you. I have not seen the policy terms and conditions but I have read the correspondence and they don't appear to be relying on any specific term. I suggest you send a formal complaint to them and await their response. If you don't get a satisfactory resolution, then you may wish to refer this to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) who will investigate free of charge. They have the power to award up to £150,000 against an insurance company. Download a claim form at www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

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'I lost 3kg in the first hour there'

McGuinness on what makes the Suzuka 8-Hour so very special

This year's Suzuka 8-Hour was wild and what an achievement by Kawasaki to win it. They haven't won there for over 25 years and beating Honda and Yamaha really is special, so congrats to Jonathan Rea and Leon Haslam. I've raced at Suzuka a few times, it's amazing and the Japanese manufacturers go all-out to win. You can't believe the level of kit that gets wheeled out. I can remember seeing the

'THEY USED TO PUT RIDERS ON DRIPS BETWEEN THE SESSIONS'

TSR Honda and it was unreal compared to the TT Legends bike I was riding. I was looking at it thinking: 'What forks are those? What swingarm is that? What fairings are they?' It was a thing of real beauty. When you got on track with it, it would suck the stickers off my Fireblade as it went past! Then when you pull in for a pitstop, they are even able to do another lap because they're using less fuel. How's that possible? We finished tenth and it was one of my proudest results because it's such a hard race. I was riding with Cameron Donald



It's the one race where the Japanese big four go all-out to beat each other

and Jason O'Halloran. I lost 3kg in the first hour – you just can't keep the fluids onboard. You have to regulate your temperature and we had a medic checking us throughout the race and straight after each session you jump in the paddling pool and then sit under the air con. Years ago they used to put people on drips between sessions but that was all banned. It's a fast, old-school track too, it's narrow and you have to be so precise. The 130R, Degner, Spoon curve – all iconic corners. It's a magic track.



It was a big result for the Kawasaki squad to win in Honda's very own backyard

ASK McGUINNESS

What bike would you love in your garage?



John Thacker

It would be my 2015 Senior TT-winning Fireblade. They have to mean something and that one did.

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