

Talking point

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Your tricky legal questions answered

'Why not 125 classes for the TT?'

More TT races, more race days, live streaming... bring it on! But if there are to be new categories, why not 125cc four-strokes to bring on new riders? Additional Supertwins and Superstock races mean Friday is a repeat of Tuesday. The lack of non-race days will put massive pressure upon the schedule should poor weather hit. Is this the end to all other events that happen away from the racing? Sunday Peel day, Ramsey Sprint, Port Erin day to name just a few. We also mustn't forget the army of marshals. Not wishing to pour water on the fire of change, but they mustn't try too hard to fix something that isn't broken.
Chris Lawton, email



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a bold attempt from Harley to branch away from the tasselled leather look, they can do a whole new range of branded textile clothing to boot. The PanAm looks like it would a great touring bike and I really hope it succeeds. But it still looks like a great, big, heavy, dog. The BMW R1250GS that is.
Perry Lancaster, email

The future's synthetic

Your article on synthetic fuel was succinctly brilliant. The vigorous debate about ICE and electric is raging in MAG at the moment as you may imagine and a survey of our members and others suggests most favour a defence of ICE bikes. The synthetic fuel option brilliantly encapsulated by Ben Purvis offers the hope that can enable us all to resolve our disagreements and reach a cheerful compromise that will see the traditional motorcycle with all its grunting charm live on alongside the electrical options. Let the battery boys and ICE warriors unite in a union of motorcycling bliss.
Ian Mutch MAG President

Zip it up and start again

When I was racing at Cadwell Park, my zip popped open on the front of my leathers. As I knew we are not allowed to race bare chested and would not pass scrutineering so dressed, I pulled in at the bottom of the hill.

I was chasing championship points but to risk sliding up the road on a bare chest only to be disqualified didn't seem like a good idea to me. We all know the rules!
Keith Bilney, email

Q 'Pedestrian stepped out'

I was riding home in Swansea, one lane in either direction. In the oncoming lane was a bus that had pulled over. A car went to go past the bus but as he did so this guy walked out in front of the bus. The car swerved to the right to avoid him, entering my lane and causing me to swerve left to avoid the car. I came off, was fortunately not badly injured, but the bike and my kit were damaged. My insurer is saying they cannot recover my excess as the car driver did nothing wrong. Is this right? What about the pedestrian?
James, email

A You did no wrong. The car driver and pedestrian did. The man should not have tried to cross a road in front of a bus. It is foreseeable that other vehicles may be overtaking. Likewise it should 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

'The bus may have CCTV, which will help your claim'

depend on the precise movements and timings to give an accurate liability apportionment.

Many buses these days have CCTV cameras front, back and side so you should obtain this as it will show exactly what happened and where everyone was positioned. Your insurer should pursue the car driver's insurer and if they want to bring in the man then that is up to them. He may have house contents insurance covering third party liability or assets to meet the claim.

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Play fair on used prices

A few weeks ago you did an article on dealers not having stock of used bikes. I used to own a first-generation FJR1300. I sold it and bought a 2006 second-generation FJR last year for £4995. After much thinking, I have decided it's not as good so time to go back to the first model. Gen 1 FJR are listed from £3695 up to £4995 but the trade-in for a 2006 FJR in very good condition is a shocking £2500. I don't mind paying a few hundred pounds to go backward but not this amount. I know businesses have to make money and the last 18 months have being difficult for everybody, but this is just greedy. No wonder they don't have used stock, we should demand a fairer industry.
D. Poole, email

Nice format if we can travel

I like the new TT format but I don't believe that it will happen next year unless the Tynwald Government can override our own in allowing people to travel to the island again - the last two years must have been devastating for the many businesses



85 next month and still going strong

and guest houses that depend on the income from the races.

Colin Humphries, Hampshire

Don't stop me now...

It is my dad's 85th birthday in July and he still rides. This is him (pictured above) on his Ducati Scrambler now.

Gary Taylor, email

Time to talk Turkey

Re: Andy Davidson's excellent article on travel within Turkey (MCN, June 16), I'd like to point out

that UK passport holders do not need a visa provided they stay less 90 days. Also, Andy if you pass through Dalyan again, call in. I am two minutes from the Candir ferry!
Graham Davies, email

Time travelling Kawasaki

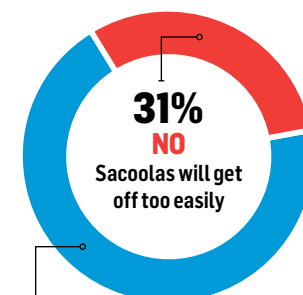
You may be surprised to know that my August 1st 1980 DVLA registered Kawasaki isn't old enough to be exempt from tax/mot until 2022. The DVLA reason: without proof of actual date of manufacture, there remains a distinct possibility the bike was in fact made some time after the first owner rode it away. Forty minutes on hold for that gem.
Jonathan Wilson, Edinburgh

Looks like a big old beast

Harley's new tourer, sorry, 'Adventure Bike', does look like a big old dog, but then again so did BMW's GS when it first arrived, along every generation since to my eyes, even after many years of forced education to see it as the benchmark in ruffy-tuffy touring and all those beaky BM clones backing the GS image up. I think it's

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