



KAWASAKI AE50

This little Kawasaki was my first bike age 16 back in 1985. I've since moved on to a 1990 VFR750. **Adrian Reid**



KAWASAKI GPZ500S

Me in 1991. I now live in the States and ride a Road King. What else would you ride in the USA? **Paul J Casey**



SUZUKI T250R

This is my first bike: a Suzuki T250R at 16 in 1971. That thing was a wild ride, I currently own a Yamaha Virago XV535 DX. **Jim Harvey**



HARLEY IRON 883

Passed my test last year on the hottest day of the summer, it was so bad I ended up with heat stroke when I got home. **Ed Charter**



'INDIAN'

I was a bit small to ride a proper one back then, but this fairground beauty started a love affair and I finally got the real thing. **Neil Robertson**

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane

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BSA C15

This was me with my BSA back in 1966, these days I ride a Triumph Speed Triple 1050. **Robert Kittle**



ITALJET KS50

This was supplied by Mike (Hailwood & Gould), who persuaded my dad to upgrade from the automatic – what a Christmas present! **Ian Willetts**



TRIUMPH SPEED TWIN

This is me outside my home in Lincolnshire some time in 1968 on my first bike, a 1959 500cc Speed Twin. NFE709 where are you now? **Tony Portess**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'What's the law on satnavs?'

Am I allowed to use my phone's satnav whilst riding my bike? It is in a holder fixed to the bike so is not being touched in any way and instructions are blue toothed to my helmet.

Brian, email

A The starting point is section 104 of The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 which states "No person shall drive or cause or permit any other person to drive, a motor vehicle on a road if he is in such a position that he cannot have proper control of the vehicle or have a full view of the road and traffic ahead."

The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No 4) Regulations 2003 amended the above to prohibit a person from driving a motor vehicle on a road if the driver is using a held-hand mobile telephone or a hand-held device for an interactive communication function.

I would say that you are fine to use the satnav as you

'You will be fine so long as you don't touch the phone while riding'

describe as long as you don't touch the device whilst riding. Even an individual stopped at a traffic light or held up in traffic could be prosecuted for a mobile phone offence. However, prosecutors will consider that the intention of the legislation is to promote road safety. They should ask themselves whether the use of the phone or other device is in circumstances which might prejudice the driver's ability to drive safely.

Andrew Campbell

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McPINT



'I'm too used to having my bum wiped for me'

McPint is ready to get racing, but it won't be business as usual

I go a bit flat with the whole racing thing sometimes, like the other week there was a trackday at Oulton Park and one minute I wanted to go and the next minute I didn't. I did go in the end and I took the Ducati V2 which I'll be racing in the Ducati Tri Options Cup this year. I'm so glad I went.

I really, really enjoyed it. I didn't have a stopwatch on me and I just rode round, hitting the sweet spot and the sun was shining. We're going to be racing at five of the six rounds of BSB and after months of uncertainty, it all looks a bit more encouraging.

'THE FUEL LIGHT CAME ON AND I WAS LIKE: 'WHAT THE F***?'

The bike feels great, it's only got low bhp so it's not pulling your arms out their sockets. Unless there's a magic wand or a magic fiddle, I don't think the bike will get much better, but racing is racing and everyone tries to bend the rules.

When I go to the first round I'll look at the speed trap figures and if I'm 10mph down I'll be scratching my head. All the bikes taking part have to be dyno'd and they need to be within 5bhp of each other. The bike feels heavy so getting some weight off of it might help a bit, but I need to check if that's within



McGuinness is ready for action to start in the TriOptions Cup

the rules! The problem is that I don't read the rule books, I'm too used to having my bum wiped aren't I? But I was there putting my own tyre warmers on, thinking 'this isn't normal'. In one of the sessions the fuel light came on and I was like 'what the f*** is that?'. It's these sort of things that you forget when you've been doing it with a team around you for as long as I have. It just showed me that I need to sharpen up my pencil. It all felt a bit old school, but I loved it.

And now I've got a spring in my step and I'm looking forward to the next thing.



Back in the pits but this time McGuinness has to sort everything for himself

ASK McGUINNESS

How are you getting on with your new KX450?

Nick Hansford

The thing is a weapon, but the front suspension is too hard for me as I'm not fast enough! It's just been into K-Tech to get sorted.

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