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Taz is a real credit to bike racing

When a friend of a friend asked if I could get a picture of Tarran Mackenzie signed, I managed to get back into the pits just before the circuit reopened. Tarran at this point was about to get back into his leathers and took the time not only to sign the picture but posed for a selfie and had a quick chat. What really struck me was how pleasant and polite this young man was just before he was due to climb aboard a 200mph superbike. The way he conducts himself is a real credit to his parents, they must be very proud and not just because he is a BSB champion. I'm now a huge Tarran Mackenzie fan.
Craig Donaldson, email



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inadequate circuit? Great last lap though, well done Jonathan Rea.
Ian Smith, email

They saved our holiday

As I was about to board the 0750 Eurotunnel train the gear lever on my 2016 Triumph Trophy fell off; closer inspection revealed the pivot bolt had sheared at the crankcase. The stewards called the onsite recovery (Dave) who escorted me back to the terminal building. Dave, a biker, advised I contact Vince at Cheriton Motorcycles, they open at 0900 so I rode the 3.5 miles to the bike shop arriving just as they were moving some customer bikes from the workshop. Having arrived unannounced, I chatted with Vince who said he would take a look. An hour later the broken bolt had been removed, a new spacer machined on the workshop lathe and a new bolt fitted. With the knowledge and help from Vince and the team at Cheriton Motorcycles I was able to resume my holiday just three hours behind schedule, thank you.

Steven Mustor, email

Still miss the old Bonnie

I bought a brand new Triumph Bonneville in 1970. It cost me £395, but sadly I had to sell it a year later to buy my first house. The last time I checked it was on a SORN, imagine my surprise when checking the other day to find it has been taxed and was on the road. If you are the proud owner of JBP 473H, I would love to hear how the old girl is.

Will May, email

Cruel mistake for Aleix

Aleix Espargaro has a huge heart and extreme passion for his racing – I had tears in my eyes after that sad mistake with the last lap at Barcelona, but on a brighter note Fabio won. He is awesome!

Andrew Smithers, email

Get in touch over lost lid

I was sorry to hear about Simon Tuckley losing his Everoak helmet and goggles as he left the MCN Festival (MCN Letters, June 1). I have an Everoak Racemaster and Mk9 Goggles from the period when I was a founding member of the Bantam Racing Club. I will be pleased to gift them to Simon, knowing that they will be going to a good home.

Michael Throssell, email

Ed: Very generous offer. If Simon could get in touch again via simon.brown@motorcyclenews.com that would be brilliant.

Respect to the TT stars

John McGuinness's comment (MCN, June 8) that he was disappointed



Mal Bennett back at Ballacraigne

with a TT lap of 129.2mph speaks volumes for the exceptional talent of today's racers; total respect.

Paul Garrod, Portsmouth

TT turns back time

Big thanks to those at the Sulby Glen Hotel who helped me find this

exact spot my old pic was taken at the TT in 1985. Here I am in Ballacraigne (left).

Mal Bennett, email

The price is too high

Road racing is finished. The speeds are too high at over 200mph on a course 37.73 miles long. A new version of the historic race is needed. A closed-circuit version that is safe for the riders and the public. The price is far too high.

Richard McCabe, Hartlepool

Estoril looks so tired

During a recent tour of Portugal and Spain and having reached Lisbon the weekend of WSB at Estoril, we decided to go along on the Sunday. What a poor almost derelict race track this is, just the two concrete 'grandstands' were open, with one smallish 'big' screen to view the rest of the circuit action. The podium stands, although opposite us, were not used, in favour of a 'hidden' podium the other side of the pits. Why do WSB continue to use this

Q 'Near miss has shaken me up'

I had a near miss last weekend and I can't stop thinking about it. A car pulled across my path from a junction and the driver didn't even seem to realise what they had done. I managed to brake hard enough to avoid hitting the car, but I nearly lost control as I was doing so. What would have happened if I had come off and been injured and if they drove off without stopping?
Helen, Liverpool

A The answer depends on whether you could trace the driver. If they were traced then you would be able to bring a claim for compensation against the driver's insurance company.

If the car wasn't traceable you would have been able to seek compensation from the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB), which compensates the victims of untraced drivers.

People think that there needs to be contact between two

'The two vehicles don't have to come into contact'

vehicles in order for liability to be established, but the reality is that it just needs to be any negligent driving causing an accident.

Once negligence is established, the court will give you some leeway in how you responded. This is called "the agony of the moment" and as long as your actions were reasonable then you won't be held responsible, even if in hindsight there was something better you could have done, such as swerving instead of braking.

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