



TRIUMPH TROPHY TR6 SS

This was my first big bike after my 250cc Ariel Arrow: a Triumph Trophy TR6 SS with siamesed exhausts. Lovely. **Gary Cropper**



KAWASAKI KH125

This is the Kawasaki KH125 which I bought from new to pass my test on in 1998... and I still own to this very day. **Andy**



YAMAHA PW80 AND YZ50

Thought you might like this picture of my two kids Marie and Sean in 1991 with their first bikes. **John O'Connor**

This was first bike brand new TS50 – I loved that bike. That is me and my great grandma and my sister posing for the shot in the garden. **David West**



SUZUKI TS50

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YAMAHA RD250E

Passed my test in 1981 on my RD250E reg YET 895T. The DVLA site says it's currently MoT'd (and now registered as white). **Angie Head**



E-BIKE

Seven-year-old Alfie on two wheels. It's electric – he tells me that's the future and I'm an old man. **Rob Flippance**



HONDA CX500

This old Honda was not quite my first machine but I was clearly a terrible fashion victim. **Richard Wood**



TRIUMPH CUSTOM

This was my first road bike in the gorgeous Gulf colours back in 2019. **Sam Hinton**

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Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'I didn't realise my mate had been drinking'

I have a compensation claim due to an accident last summer. I was on the back of my friend's bike as he was giving me a lift home. We had been at a party and I didn't see my mate drink any alcohol, so I thought it was safe to go with him. He lost control on a bend and we both came off. He was breathalysed and convicted for driving under the influence of alcohol and banned and fined. His insurers are now saying they won't pay me compensation because I knew he was drinking but decided to get on the bike anyway. This is not fair as I had no idea he had been having anything to drink. **Ryan, Middlesbrough**

A In England the alcohol limit for drivers is 80 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood, 35 microgrammes per 100 millilitres of breath, or 107 milligrammes per 100 millilitres of urine.

'You may be able to get reduced compensation'

Anything over this and the driver is likely to be prosecuted in accordance with Section 5A of the Road Traffic Act 1988. As well as giving your own evidence, you need to get witness evidence to help prove you had no idea that he was drinking at the party. If the insurer shows that you knew that your friend was drinking alcohol to the extent he was over the limit then you may well find you will receive reduced compensation as a result of your contributory negligence. A 20% reduction is common.

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'The young guns just do what they're told!'

Why youth and exuberance can often trump age and experience

Some people are going to say that the 2020 MotoGP championship doesn't count as much as other years because it's been so disrupted, but that's not true. Whoever wins will be world champion. It hasn't been a full season with the flyaways, but it's still absolutely credible.

On one hand you'd think that having such a weird season would favour the experienced guys, but it seems like it's worked the other way round. I think one reason why the less experienced riders have been so fast is because they do

'You'd have had your last tenner on Rossi staying on in Barcelona'

what they're told! If a rider like Quartararo or Mir gets told by their engineer that this is the way to ride it, they just go out and do it. They haven't got the experience to say they want something different. Whereas the old guys like Dovizioso and Rossi will know what they want and won't be happy if they haven't got enough edge grip, for example. In contrast, do you think a rider like Lecuona comes into the garage complaining about edge grip? He just gets told to crack on because all he wants to do is make the most of his opportunity. We're also seeing some of the



While Rossi wishes he had 1mm more preload, Fabio's off

more experienced guys making mistakes; Pol has been so fast but is still yet to win one and you'd have had your last tenner on Rossi staying on in Barcelona, but he crashed. And Viñales is looking pretty average for a factory Yamaha rider.

It seems to me that the older guys are thinking about it too much, whereas the young guys are like – 'right this is my chance – I'm having a go!'

I'll be glued to the telly again this weekend to see what the Le Mans MotoGP race brings...



McPint's new wheels will keep the team all together at race events

ASK MCGUINNESS

Why have you bought a Scania truck?

Marc Gabriel
I take my van and morrhorne to races and we have the team sleeping wherever. I want to get a trailer for it so we can do it all in one vehicle.



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