

Talking point

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Dangerous route for Ducati

With the greatest respect to Andrea Ferraresi (right) and his intentions to raise the bar of the Ducati brand, for him to state 'You start with other brands, then buy a Ducati' is maybe a little short sighted, even presumptuous (MCN, November 23). My concern is that Ducati will eventually lose sales by not making entry-level motorcycles. I think it would make more sense for any manufacturer to plant the brand loyalty seed as soon as is possible. By making your premium motorcycle a pipe-dream, potential customers will shop elsewhere as there are plenty of alternatives.
Pete Mortimer, Lincolnshire



STAR LETTER

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BSB rules are barmy

The new rules in BSB are barking. Even with the Showdown you were never certain who stood where but now you're going to need a computer to figure it out.
Steve Palmer, email

Time to spice up BSB

Regarding the new points system in BSB, I'd like to see more value placed on all rounds. There used to be Mallory Race of the Year, King of Brands, Powerbike International and so on, which gave exciting racing as well as a title. Points would still contribute towards the overall title but you could have guest riders or wildcards to make things even more interesting.
Gary Wootton, email

Satnav solution

I have the same Ducati Multistrada V2S as Michael Guy (MCN November 23) and have fitted a ram mount ball to the top yoke (above, right), so I can use my BMW Navigator V1. It's a great bike, I enjoy using it,



Reader Pete's fitted a handy ram

apart from the OE tyres which don't inspire much confidence especially in the wet. My next job is to replace the tyres with Michelin Road 6s which have been brilliant on my other motorcycles.
Pete Wilson, email

Busa's too much

I really appreciated the engineering that has gone into TTS's SuperBusa (MCN, November 23), but 98% of riders have neither the money nor the skill to deal with this sort of

370bhp bike, me included. Here on the Isle of Man the SuperBusa would not get out of third gear even on the Mountain Course. Reliable, uncomplicated, reasonably priced bikes are needed to encourage more people to take to two wheels.
Martin Jones, email
Ed: We have three uncomplicated bikes going head to head this week, see p29

Vision for the future

After reading the article regarding airbags in helmets (MCN, Nov30) I think they should be concentrating on heated visor systems, especially for this time of the year. I would buy one tomorrow.
Vic Price, Bedfordshire

Feeling ripped off

Having just attended the last day of Motorcycle Live at the NEC I felt compelled to put pen to paper to record how this seems to be another instance of a post-pandemic rip off! I can't remember off-hand how much a ticket was the last time I went, in 2019, but can't believe it

was £27, but at least then you had the LiveAction Arena with dare-devil motocross and trials riding demonstrations; worth the ticket price on their own! What really rankled this time was the charge of £16.95 for car parking. If they carry on like this people will boycott such events by staying away altogether.
Mike Washington, Huddersfield
Ed: The parking costs are levied by the NEC venue, not by Motorcycle Live

Roll on 2023

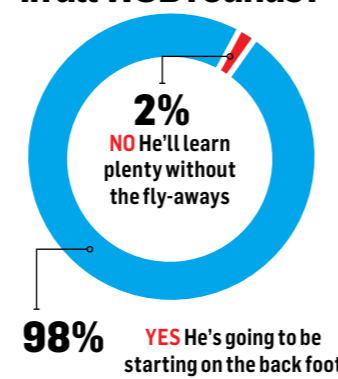
Thank goodness for Henry Cole and the rest of the crew. We still have our weekly intake of biking TV, but now we have to wait for the New Year before we can look forward to the new season and all the changes of bikes and riders. At least on a Wednesday when MCN arrives I can still get the latest news etc!
BC Jay, email

No rule bending here

Replying to Jon Urry's column on the Triumph Speed Triple and the race series... I used to help out on the preparation of the Two Wheel Services race bike which Jason Emmett rode in the series and won the championship (without bending the rules, I might add). After the series I rode the same bike in race spec albeit with lights and number plate with the option of buying it. It was a fantastic bike in this spec and I regretted not buying it ever since. I often look out for one to purchase and convert to the race spec. Love Jon's column, too.
Berny Rea, email

READER POLL

Should Bradley Ray be allowed to race in all WSB rounds?



MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Blamed after car turned...'

I have received a summons for driving without due care and attention. I was on a 30mph road overtaking a line of cars waiting for a red light when a driver a few back from the lights suddenly turned out in front of me and I hit the front of his car. There is a witness who said I was not speeding. The driver has admitted liability in the insurance claim. What can I do?
Richard Smith, email

A Driving without due care and attention, otherwise known as careless driving, is when the standard of driving is deemed to fall below the standard expected of a reasonably prudent driver.

You don't say what speed you were doing and that may be relevant, but the starting point is that filtering is legal and is, in itself, not evidence of careless driving. I notice you use the word

'You don't say how fast you were filtering'

'overtaking' rather than 'filtering'. The distinction between the two lies in the comparative speeds of the bike versus the queue of traffic. You say you were not speeding but this could mean you were passing the cars at 30mph, which many judges would find to be excessive when the rest of the traffic is stationary. I suggest you speak to a criminal lawyer for advice on what to do – it will depend on the precise circumstances of the crash.

Andrew Campbell
Solicitor and author of the MCN Law column for the last ten years

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YAMAHA RD50

This was my first road bike – a Yamaha RD50 in 1983. I now ride a BMW F900XR. **Brian Corbishley**



JINLUN TEXAN 125

Returning to the saddle after 40 years. I now have this Jinlun Texan 125... I absolutely love it... **Dan Bennington**



KAWASAKI HIE

Here is one of my Kawasaki HIE 500 triples which I had so much fun on during the early 80s. **Paul Collins**

My kids, Dan and Jo, on the Yamaha PW50. It was found in bits in a farm shed and rebuilt for Christmas around 1984. **Steve Pearson**



YAMAHA PW50



YAMAHA XS250

Around 1982, my then girlfriend – and now wife – on my Yamaha XS250. **Mark Pearson**



HONDA QR50

Adam and Dan, age 4 and 5 on a QR50 with a sidecar built by the late, great Ken Crawford. **Dan Crawford**



BSA 350

This was my £8 BSA 350 which I bought after saving up my paper round money. **Antony Knitter**



ROYAL ENFIELD METEOR 350

Only purchased in April 2022, my Royal Enfield Meteor 350. **Zoltan Tasnady**

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