



TRIUMPH TIGER CUB

Motherwell Speedway when promoter Ian Hoskins advertised for riders to come and I turned up on my Tiger Cub! Bert Harkins



KAWASAKI GPX600R

This is my girlfriend Michelle on my GPX600R in 1994, she is now my wife and I now ride a Street Triple. Eric Langstaff



TRIUMPH AMERICA

Here I am on my Triumph America after passing my test ten years ago. Great bike and the jacket matched the paintwork. Rachel Jewson

Not actually my first bike but my first Ducati. I have had five of them since then, this one was the coolest though. Neil Fraser



DUCATI 750SS

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HONDA TL125

My first bike was this Honda TL125. This is me aged 14 in 1978 and clearly dressed in all the correct riding gear. Paul Fearon



ARIEL ARROW

Going for a ride on my uncle Barry's Ariel Arrow with my brother Mark riding pillion in 1965. John Whale



YAMAHA RD250

This is my brother David, circa 1982 on his first big bike. As you can see the girls had no chance! Jan Clegg



YAMAHA YBR125 CUSTOM

Bought to pass my test as I promised grandson Charlie that we would go riding when he is old enough. Peter Eblett

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Q 'Knocked off by French driver'

I was on a riding holiday with friends in France in September 2019 when I was involved in an accident. I was riding at the rear of the group. A car was waiting to come out onto the road to my right. My friends all went past but he obviously didn't see me and pulled out in front of me. I had no time to avoid the crash and went flying over his bonnet before landing on the road. I spent four weeks in hospital in France and have been concentrating on my recovery since. Can I claim against the French driver?

Luke James, email

A Yes, you will be able to claim compensation but you will need advice on the correct jurisdiction for claiming compensation (be it France or in the UK) which will be fact specific and too detailed to be dealt with here. Different countries on the continent have different rules and different time periods in which to bring a

'Cases like this are complicated and need an expert'

claim. For example, in England and Wales it is three years from the date of the accident, but in France it is 10 years from the date when recovery from the injuries has plateaued. Compensation in France is fairly generous, compared to for example Switzerland where you need a devastating injury to receive a payout for injuries. It is likely your solicitor will instruct an agent law firm in France to assist with valuing the claim. These are complicated cases so make sure you instruct an expert.

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

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'Retire? Cal could go on for years...'

McPint reckons it's a crying shame Crutchlow is calling it a day

I'm full of admiration for Cal Crutchlow and his 'take no sh\*t' attitude. He can be a feisty little f\*\*ker with a 5mm fuse, but forgetting all that, it just seems too early for him to retire. To me he's still that young lad. He should still be getting a good ride, but saying that I understand why it's difficult because the game has changed. I hate to say it, but there is a new breed of rider in MotoGP now. I still struggle to get my head round all the new signings coming into MotoGP from Moto2. Maybe

'Cal had it tough, he has never had anything handed to him'

the bosses just want new blood. You do wonder if given how outspoken Cal can be – do the powers that be want him in the championship? Will he toe the line... will he f\*\*k. You just wonder if he fits the right image. It's a sad way to end his career with injuries because he's still such a good rider and it only seems like yesterday that he was coming up from Superteens. But Cal looks happy with his decision and he's got his new gig with Yamaha, so fair play to him. I wish him all the luck in the world. He had it tough, he never

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Cal testing back in his Rizla Suzuki BSB days in 2006

had anything handed to him. He won the World Supersport championship and when he got to MotoGP he tried and fought so hard and he ended up a top-flight MotoGP race winner, so all you can do is doff your hat to him. I just think it's a crying shame he's finished his career because he has more to give. Let's just hope he can get a few wildcards plus you've got four Yamaha riders on the grid that could go up the road and break a wrist at any time and he'd be in. We'll just have to wait and see.



For McGuinness Cal is still that fresh-faced up-and-coming star

ASK MCGUINNESS

What do you think of Dovi's sabbatical?

Chris Webb  
I think Dovi is done. He's not skint and he could have a year doing motocross and driving rally cars. But then again, he might miss it really bad and want to go back.

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