

Me on my TS50 ER in the Spring of 1982. I got the bike in October 1981. I'm currently renovating a red 1979 TS125 ER. Alan Weldo:



I sold my first big bike to a mate, but I really wish that I had kept it because I love race rep machines like that. **Ricky Singh**



This is a photo of my little brother on my brand new RD250LC, taken in the summer of 1985. The bike cost £995 on the road. Karl Whittle

Me on my new LC 1987 – I was a very proud owner of that bike. Since then I've had more than 55 bikes and still enjoying riding them now. **John Floyd**



Me aged four with my dad David who was Scottish junio (250cc) champion and my sister Evelyn. Beaton Lindsay **YOU NEVER**



Igot it in 1962 but I wasn't 16 until September 1963, so used



I decided to modify my Triumph T110 while serving an 18-month ban for speeding in 1969. Mick Mayers





Here I am on my first machine: a Lambretta TV175 and pictured complete with my school uniform from the time. Bob Bonham

A blast down memory lane

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questions answered

'Can the cops really stop me?

I was recently pulled over by a traffic officer. They said their system showed that my Ninja was not covered. I told them I was insured and showed them an email on my phone with the insurance certificate. They were not interested and reiterated that their info said I was not insured and I was not allowed to ride.

It turned out that my broker had failed to arrange my insurance, even though they had taken payment and issued a certificate They have apologised, not that it makes me any happier.

Can the police really stop you riding for a reason you know to be false? I thought you had seven days to produce documentation.

Although you had that email, the vehicle was not in fact insured so the police were correct (although this was clearly not your fault). Officers can stop a vehicle for any reason with reasonable cause to

'The police have the right to ask for your documents'

suspect something is awry. If they ask you to stop, you should always null over when it is safe to do so. You are breaking the law if you don't comply.

If you're stopped, the police can ask to see your driving licence. insurance certificate and MoT certificate. If you don't have these documents with you, you have seven days to produce them.

You can also have your vehicle seized if you are stopped on suspicion of driving without insurance and for some other motoring offences.

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'No Classic TT but racing will return'

The Isle of Man's spirit is too strong to be held down for long

last week that the Classic TT has been cancelled. To be honest, it didn't come as a surprise. It's difficult to find the words needed to explain how we're all feeling and to say something that hasn't already been said, but at the end of the day it's pretty depressing.

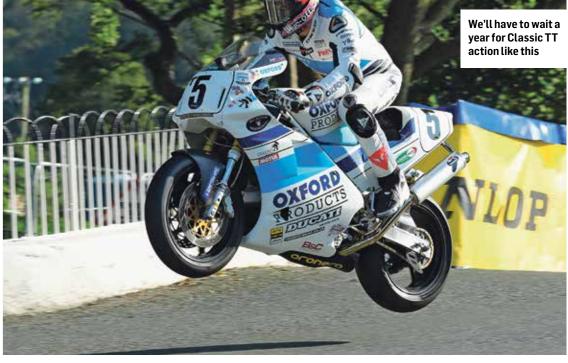
In a way it's OK for me because I've been there and done it. This vear would have been my 25th time at the TT, but for the lads who are starting out it's a big

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thing. There will no doubt be riders out there who have taken five years to get everything in place to go and race at the Manx, riders who have saved their pennies, got a bike, ticked all the boxes and then it gets pulled from under their feet. And for some it might be their only chance.

Whenever I rode for Clive Padgett he'd always bring out the positive in any situation. If I had a poor ride he'd say 'well you weren't bad through sector two!' He'd never kick you in the balls, even if you deserved it!

And that's the way we need



Glenn Irwin - he's someone that up until recently didn't want to do the TT, but now he does and this forced break has given him the chance to prepare himself a little bit better, make more visits, watch more onboard laps.

Back to the Classic TT, unfortunately we're all having to be accepting of events like this being cancelled. But what we have to remember is that racing has stopped on the Isle of Man before - two world wars saw to that, but it came back then and it will all come back again.

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