

Talking point

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From zero right back to E-bike hero

Great to see my old Zero S in your 'making the switch' article about Alan Bradshaw (MCN, February 2). I'd had the bike for only four months when I was hit from behind at a red light. Thankfully I was not injured but the bike was written off and I wasn't offered the option of keeping it. But I went straight out and got another one exactly the same, which took me on many happy rides round the NC500, the Brecon Beacons and even, courtesy of IAM's skills days, Thruxton circuit. I wish Alan many more miles of fun! Most of all I'm pleased that it didn't have to be scrapped, because for me sustainability was a big factor in choosing an electric machine.

Christine Robins, email



STAR LETTER

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Decode the dangers

I'm extremely concerned about the new Highway Code rules regarding having to give way to pedestrians when turning into a road at a junction - it's bad enough in a car, but how many of us are going to get rear-ended when giving way because the following driver didn't see us or expect us to stop?

Colin Humphries, email

Do the decent thing

Reading the latest update on the Harry Dunn case, I felt compelled to write and acknowledge what a fantastic job the family and their legal representative Radd Seiger have done, and are doing, in keeping this in the news. Seeing updates on a motorcycling issue on no less than Sky News is nothing short of groundbreaking. What a pity Anne Sacoolas, being a parent herself, doesn't have the decency to forgo the cloak of 'diplomatic immunity' and do what she knows is right and face trial in the UK. Legal action of this magnitude does not come cheap, so I've chipped in to the cause and urge every biker



Gavin and mates on tour in Wales

sickened by the story of a foreign national killing a biker then running away to do the same. 'Special relationship' with the USA? Yes, when it suits them. Keep it in your pages.

Mark Rowlands, email

Kickstarting our year

Seven friends and I arranged a full day's rideout at the end of January starting out from Wrexham at 8am heading for Crossgate Café, after we thawed our fingers and finished off our breakfast we headed off to Elan

valley where we pulled over to admire the views, slowly heading though the blissful peaceful route towards Devil's Bridge for another cuppa. From here we headed to Aberystwyth beachfront to stop at the little bike cafe (Electra Moto-gear). There was more riding to come before the weather turned wet and windy but it was great to be out. Next up is a tour of Anglesey.

Gavin Rogers, email

Ed: Sounds like our sort of day out. If you can grab some more pictures next time we'll see if we can get you into the Your Trips column. Send trips to: yourpics@motorcyclenews.com

International approach

A few weeks ago you ran an article about Azad Irza, the chap who travelled from India to the UK to take advanced rider training. I was really impressed but clearly he is extraordinary as very few motorcyclists in India could afford to own a Multistrada AND a Fireblade, let alone travel across the globe to take extra training. Anyhow, my point is really about an idea for future articles on what

"normal" motorcyclists have to deal with in their own countries. Whether it be the cost of the bikes, the standards of safety, the exciting countryside, the culture of bikes being essential vehicles or for leisure only, etc. There are many places around the world and UK magazines only focus on adventure trips rather than a broader insight into our biker siblings abroad. I'll leave that thought with you.

Jeremy McNulty, email

Great spec, bad looks

I've just read the write up on the Triumph TE-1 (MCN, February 9) and I'm mighty impressed with the tech and spec. Then I looked at the photos. Why are Triumph so insistent on keeping the fugly headlight and clocks configuration? I've always thought that the front end of the naked Triumphs to be a problem for their design team in so much as it looks like an afterthought. Anyone else agree?

Steve Goodman, North Yorks

Ed: MCN readers give their verdict on the TE-1, see poll below.

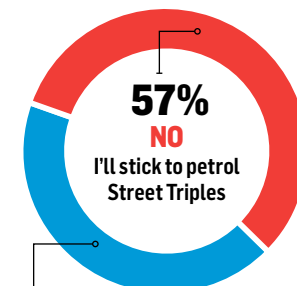
No more spam calls here

'Nick' complained through the MCN Law column about receiving unsolicited calls to secure compensation for his non-existent injuries. I suffered such calls for a while and found keeping them talking at their own cost to my mobile was amusing. Then when they asked about my injuries I said I'd been decapitated. They usually hang up but one guy said why did you say that? I said because you keep phoning me! But no more.

Paul Garrod, email

READER POLL

Does Triumph's sharp TE-1 make you want to go electric?



43% YES At last, an E-bike that looks like a proper bike

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Is apology an admission?'

Two weeks ago, I was riding home from work and filtering through heavy traffic when a car came out of a side road and I collided with the front wing. I was a bit shocked and luckily only had minor injuries. I apologised to the car driver straight away as I thought it was my fault for filtering there. I have since been told that I can, in fact, make a claim against the driver for the accident. But since I effectively admitted it was my fault at the scene does this mean I can't bring a claim against him for my injuries and bike damage?

Caroline Keeling, email

A Don't worry, admissions made in the immediate aftermath of an accident are not binding.

When someone is involved in an accident they are often not in a clear state of mind to assess the accident circumstances and to form a considered view as to where blame lies. Many people will make off-the-cuff statements

'Saying sorry at the roadside is not binding'

that may be misconstrued as being an admission, such as saying that they are sorry.

Such statements do not bind the person to an admission and any apology will be subject to the context in which it is made. For example, it may be that you were sorry for him having been in an accident, but this does not mean that you are sorry for having caused the accident.

The law on liability for accidents can be complex and in short, yes you can bring a claim for the damage.

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