



HONDA CB72
John Merrill on his Honda CB72 250 fitted with a Peel Mountain Mile fairing. This would have been 966-ish. **Rowena Merrill**



HONDA CBR600F
Passed my test in '99, bought this. Did 23,000 miles in two years of commuting, trackdays and touring. **Andrew Elburn**



HONDA CBR300R
This is my step-daughter Emma Gillen on her first bike, a Honda CBR300R. She loves this bike and is hooked for life. **Karl Gyax**

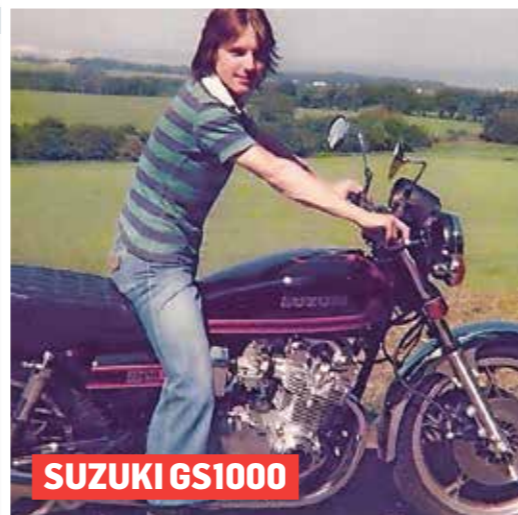
This is my dad Phil Jackson's Suzuki GS550. He got it back in 1977 when he was 19. Note the Dunstall fairing and 'Sheene' 7. **Kelly Jackson**



YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE
A blast down memory lane
Send your first bike pics to:
yourpics@motorcyclenews.com



SUZUKI GT250
Me back in 1983, aged 24, on my Suzuki GT250 Ram Air. I've still got four bikes including an 1800 Suzuki Intruder. **John Ballard**



SUZUKI GS1000
My mate Dave Mitchell aged 18 on his GS1000. Still riding a V-Strom and Triumph Bobber and now bald. **Steve Judge**



YAMAHA FAZER
This Fazer 600 was my first big bike after passing my test in 2013. It was quick and comfortable. **Stephen Wilton**



YAMAHA YL1 100
Learning to ride on my first bike. This was 1971, the year that I turned 16. **James Thomas**

MCN LAW
Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Tipped off by dumped pallet'

I was riding into Sheffield on my R1 in the summer and had just entered a roundabout when I spotted a pallet in the road ahead of me. I swerved but came off and broke my wrist and dislocated my shoulder. A witness took photos of the pallet and gave them to the police. It had the name/delivery address of a construction company on it with a dispatch date from two days earlier. The construction company say it's not their fault and it wasn't left in the road by them. I don't believe them but how can I prove my case? **Rambo, email**

A Your solicitor needs to get disclosure of documents from the construction company confirming what jobs they used anyone, such as a skip company, to remove building materials. If they had a job which involved them or an agent such as the skip company using the roundabout you came off on, then

'You need to find out what jobs they were working on'

a court will likely find that it was left by them or their agent. If they and their agents were nowhere near the vicinity then the court is likely to accept that someone else deposited the pallet which may have been used by other tradesmen. Get the disclosure from them before deciding on next steps. As a backstop you should get a claim submitted to the Motor Insurers' Bureau in case it turns out the road user responsible remains untraced and then they should compensate you.

Andrew Campbell
Solicitor and author of the MCN Law column for the last ten years
Visit www.bikelawyer.co.uk or email andrew@bikelawyer.co.uk or call 01446 794169



TT Legend John McGuinness in MCN every week

McPINT



'Here's to a year of track action'

No TT 2021 but the hunt is on for a Kawasaki 750 for the Classic

We'll what a year 2020 has been, the world shut down and we were all scratching our heads, but then they got the racing going and the job was on fire! In the end I got to race the Ducati, do some trackdays and some talk shows so we just about got away with it. While it still hurts that we're not having a TT in 2021, there's lots going on in terms of plans for when it comes back in 2022. So in Supersport there'll be different manufacturers and different bikes

'I want as many things to look forward to as possible!'

which will mix classes up a bit We could see a bit more focus on Superstock too, which makes sense. They look spectacular, they do 133, 134mph laps and are dead reliable. Plus you could ride the same bike in Superstock, Superbike and the Senior. They are talking about changing the schedule and if they do they'll need to be a bit careful. It's alright sitting in the control tower but wrestling a bike round the TT course isn't easy and 11 laps is over 400 miles... flat out! But one thing that is really good about the TT is that the organisers speak to the riders. They don't



McPint is itching to get back out on the roads in 2021

just say 'this is what we're doing, like it or lump it'. I'm still hoping the NW200 will happen. They should do it after Knockhill BSB so that everyone is that much closer to the ferry. It's the same for the Classic TT and my Kawasaki team boss is already looking for a bike he can start prepping for me. So hopefully it'll be a year racing the Ducati Cup, maybe a couple of Scarboroughs, NW200 and hopefully Macau. I want as many things to look forward to as possible! Here's to 2021!



Fingers crossed there will be more to smile about come next year

ASK MCGUINNESS

What are your New Year's resolutions?

Matt Peacock
Ride more bikes, be safe and be a happy chappy! And on that note, Happy New Year to all the MCN readers out there.

@ Send your questions to AskMcPint@motorcyclenews.com. Don't expect a serious answer.

MCN
How to get in touch
Motorcycle News, Media House, Lynchwood, Peterborough, PE2 6EA

EDITORIAL
Editor Richard Newland, 01733 468025, richard.newland@motorcyclenews.com
Deputy Editor Emma Franklin, 01733 468025, emma.franklin@motorcyclenews.com
Office Manager Alison Silcox, 01733 468025, alison.silcox@motorcyclenews.com

SPORT & FEATURES
Editor Michael Guy, 01733 468883, michael.guy@motorcyclenews.com
Sports Reporter Josh Close, josh.close@motorcyclenews.com

CONSUMER
Reporter Apply Now - to Alison Silcox

BIKES
Director of Content Andy Calton
Chief Road Tester Michael Neaves, 01733 468010, michael.neaves@motorcyclenews.com
Deputy Editor, Bauer Motorcycling Mike Armitage, 01733 468031

Deputy Editor, Bauer Motorcycling Martin Fitz-Gibbons, 01733 468031, martin.fitz-gibbons@motorcyclenews.com
Senior Writer Chris Dabbs, chris.dabbs@motorcyclenews.com

NEWS
News Editor Jordan Gibbons, 01733 468011, jordan.gibbons@motorcyclenews.com
Senior Writer Dan Sutherland, dan.sutherland@motorcyclenews.com
Staff Writer Ben Clarke, ben.clarke@motorcyclenews.com

PRODUCTION
Senior Production Editor Simon Brown

ART
Senior Art Editor Nick Lemon
Senior Designer Simon Ralph
Senior Designer Lee Loughton
MOTORCYCLENEWS.COM
Online Editor Gareth Evans

ADVERTISING
Group Commercial Director Gareth Ashman, 01733 366444
Head of Online Advertising Rob Fairburn, 01733 366455
Key Accounts Shaun Collin, 01733 366453
Dealer team Phil Martin, 01733 366368
Luke Want, 01733 366419
Tommy Holt, 01733 468386
Motorcycling Account Manager Samantha Creedon-Gray, 01733 366406
MCN Classified Sarah Frisby, 01733 366323

Marketing Manager Sarah Norman

PUBLISHING
Acting Publisher Rachael Beesley
Managing Director Niall Clarkson
Editorial Director June Smith Sheppard

H BAUER PUBLISHING
President of Global Publishing Rob Munro-Hall
CEO of Bauer Publishing UK Chris Duncan
Chief Financial Officer Bauer Magazine Media Lisa Hayden
H Bauer Publishing company number L P003328, Academic House, 24-28 Oval Road, London NW11 7DT

BACK ISSUES
To order back issues please call our UK Number on 01858 438894, for overseas +44 1858 438894.

SUBSCRIPTION QUERIES
UK number 01858 438884
Overseas call +44 1858 438884
To contact us about subscription orders, renewals, missing issues or any other subscription queries please email bauer@subscription.co.uk or call our Toll-free number on 01858 438894 or visit www.greatmagazines.co.uk/solo

Syndication syndication@bauermedia.co.uk

No part of the magazine may be reproduced in any form in whole or in part, without prior permission of the publisher. All material published remains the copyright of Bauer Consumer Media Ltd. We reserve the right to edit letters, copy or images submitted to the magazine without further consent. The submission of material to Bauer Media whether unsolicited or requested, is taken as permission to publish in the magazine, including any licensed editions throughout the world. Any fees paid in the UK include remuneration for other licensed editions.

We cannot accept responsibility for unsolicited manuscripts, images or materials lost or damaged in the post. While every reasonable care is taken to ensure accuracy, the publisher is not responsible for errors or omissions or for any consequences arising from their use, resulting from use in the paper.

Bauer Consumer Media Limited is a member of the Independent Press Standards Organisation (www.ipso.co.uk) and tries to respond to and resolve concerns quickly. Our Editorial Complaints Policy is available at www.bauermedia.co.uk/complaints

Contact us about editorial complaints and PSCO contact details can be found at www.bauermedia.com/complaints.co.uk. Our email for editorial complaints cover by the Editorial Complaints Policy is complaints@bauermedia.co.uk. H Bauer Publishing and Bauer Consumer Media Ltd are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) (No. 563888 and (Ref No. 170067). H Bauer Publishing is a company registered in England and Wales with company number L P003328, registered address Academic House, 24-28 Oval Road, London, NW11 7DT, tel: +44 (0)20 8581 1000, MCN ISSN 0027 8553 (ISSN 070) is published weekly by H Bauer Publishing Ltd, Media House, Lynch Wood, Peterborough, PE2 8EA, United Kingdom. The US annual subscription price is \$38.98. Air freight and mailing in the USA by agent named World Contamer Inc, 150 15, 83rd Street, Jamaica, NY 11433 USA. Periodicals postage paid at Brooklyn, NY 11208 US Postmaster: Send address changes to MCN, World Contamer Inc, 150 15, 83rd Street, Jamaica, NY 11433 USA. Subscribers are entitled to Bauer Media Subscriptions, CDS Global, Tower House, Sovereign Park, Latimer Street, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 9EF, United Kingdom. Air Business Ltd is acting as our mailing agent.

greatmagazines.com 150 top titles
recycle 100% recycled paper
PHO Registered