

Talking point

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'Bring on all that instant torque'

Triumph TE-1? Yes please. As a Street Triple rider and electric car owner I would buy the new Triumph electric 'Speed Triple' in a heartbeat (MCN, February 9). But it would not be the gorgeous looks, the sensible weight, the good range, the quick charging or even the high power that would excite me. It would be the instantly accessible torque/acceleration from any revs (including zero) that would enhance every ride. Bring it on.
Keith Berry, Preston

STAR LETTER





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We're all metric now

I read the story about new Harleys being designed with European riders in mind (MCN, February 2) with a bit of a wry smile. Really? If H-D want to appeal to more of us over here then it is time to express capacity in cubic centimetres and not inches. We're not rednecks and it's a metric world. They might even sell more bikes if customers didn't have to puzzle over 117 cubic inches.
Jif Fairlamb, Berwick upon Tweed

Help, I've steamed up

My biggest gripe about winter riding is I'm a glasses wearer and no matter what I try, they steam up, so it's riding with visor slightly open getting cold. I use Rainex on my visor for rain and have a Pinlock insert in my Schubert helmet. I've tried Rainex on the glasses too but to no avail. I was wondering if any fellow readers have suggestions.
Shaun, email

Fending off the grime

Here is my Yamaha Tracer 700 with improved weather protection from the wheels. Today's bikes have no



Kev's Tracer is ready for all weathers

protection for passengers and the front mudguards do not stop road muck at all. Why don't modern bikes have decent mudguards that work like they used to, is it trends or costs? The rear mudguard was from Trikemudguards4U and works a treat. The front has an extra long extender plus a mudflap. Looking forward to touring in all weathers.
Kev Marsh, Grimsby

Not ready to slow down

Every week I read about GSs, Multistradas, etc and the odd

sportsbike which is bordering on unrideable in the real world but they aren't for me. I'm in my mid-50s but young at heart. I look at a Panigale and my heart races but I want to ride it all day. I don't want a GS, I want today's equivalent of a GPZ900. An Isle of Man TT winner you can actually ride all day at an affordable price. I'm an old chap but love sportsbikes.
Rob Pearson, email

Insurance policy perils

I am fortunate (and old) enough to have owned at least two motorcycles at a time for the last 30 years or so. I have always insured them on separate policies, although sometimes with the same company and I've never made a claim. Last year I amalgamated my policies and took out a single bike policy through one of the big insurers, effectively merging two policies with 9+ years no claims bonus (the most they accept) into one. Partway through the year I sold one of my motorcycles and bought a new one. Unfortunately, my new insurer did not have the new make on their

books so I had to look elsewhere. When I asked for proof of no claims for that motorcycle I was told they could not supply proof of no claims bonus as the benefit was applied to the whole policy and not to each motorcycle. Luckily, my proof of no claims was still valid from my previous insurer. However, if I'd had a multi-bike policy for two years I would have faced having to build up my no claims bonus from scratch, a very costly process. The moral: Make sure you know what you are getting if you are taking on a multi-bike policy. The £30-£40 saving may not be worth it.
Fraser Doherty, email

What no electrics?

I had a welcome and seemingly rare venture into the smoke for the brilliant MCN show. Great array of bikes to look at with my adult son. One thing that surprised me given the amount written about them was the lack of electric bikes. I am not a convert yet but it would be good to see what the fuss is all about.
Simon Bywater, via Facebook

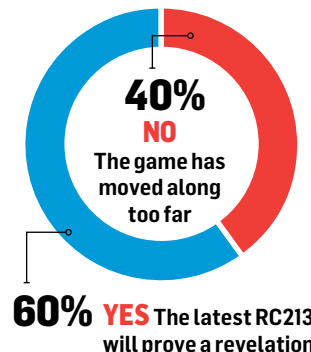
Ed: Glad you had fun. Electric bikes definitely were there – some nifty ones from Maeving for starters – maybe it's an indication of how 'normal' many are looking these days.

Not made to feel welcome

I am a frequent visitor but councils in Stratford-upon-Avon and Ludlow seem hell bent on excluding bikers with ever stricter parking conditions. Both do provide free parking but it is some distance away from eating places so you can't keep an eye on your bike.
Nigel Edwards, via Facebook

READER POLL

Have Honda done enough to win the MotoGP title?



MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Knocked off by opening door'

As I was filtering between two lines of stand-still traffic a passenger in a car in the outside lane opened the door to get out of the vehicle. I couldn't avoid crashing into the door and flew off my bike. I have a fractured shoulder and wrist. I have a personal injury claim for compensation underway and want the police to prosecute the passenger for causing the accident but they refuse to do so, which is frustrating. Any ideas?
Mark Matthews, email

A Clearly the passenger was negligent in not looking to see that it was safe to get out of the car when they did.

However, rather than the passenger it is actually the driver of the car that is responsible for the passenger's actions and therefore it is the insurer of the car that should be dealing with your civil claim for compensation. If the driver was uninsured, then the Motor Insurers' Bureau will deal with the claim.

'It is actually the driver who is responsible'

It does not surprise me that the police are not prosecuting. The burden of proof in a criminal case is higher than in a civil case and I cannot think what offence it is they would charge them with. I think that the Crown Prosecution Service would need to establish that the passenger had the intention to cause you injury to succeed in a criminal action against them and surely this is not the case, unless you can provide any evidence to the contrary?

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