

Talking point

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Buzzing over the all-new Hornet

I love Honda. My first bike was a Honda (blew up engine). So was my second (crashed, not repairable). I always root for Honda in MotoGP, especially when M Marquez is on board. But I haven't bought a Honda for years. For my daily ride, I need a bike under 200kg. About 100bhp. Naked, as fairings catch the cross-winds on the Humber Bridge on my way to work. Not 870mm seat height, as I'm shortish. And reasonably cheap. At last, Mr H has got just the thing for me. Must book a test ride ASAP. (Not sure what I'll do with rider modes, anti-wheelie etc etc but I'll definitely have the quickshifter and autoblipper, please).
Andrew Coe, North Lincs



STAR LETTER

Write something that spikes our interest, and you could get selected for the Star Letter slot. Each week one lucky reader will receive an MCN T-shirt in a variety of different designs

Give me egg and chips

Just finished a great book relating to the Ace Cafe with great interest having visited several times over the years. The book featured everything from the food to the music, alongside some fantastic photos. I hope history repeats itself... instead of Mods & Rockers, maybe 2060 will bring together Modules & Rotors somewhere on the south coast arriving on electric bikes and peds sending each other angry emojis. It's sad with the arrival of electrics that it's not going to be the same again. Flat white with a panini doesn't sound as good as egg and chips with a sugary tea.
Dan Fantham, email

KTM dealer to the rescue

Whilst touring in Europe an overnight stop in Millau revealed oil leaking from the cam chain adjuster on my KTM 890R. Luckily there was a KTM dealer in town and they dropped everything to get me back on the road. The dealer was Hobby Moto - along with the speedy repair



Reader Dave was snapped by cyclists

and numerous cups of free coffee, the bill was only €30. The tour continued with no further problems. Thank you Hobby Moto.
Chris, email

Caught by snooping cyclist

I want to make people aware of the new phenomenon of 'cycle dash-cams', which are being used to prosecute bikers. I have been subject to this abject humiliation by some jobsworth who decided I was riding "without consideration", the

outcome being that I have to now take a course entitled: "Why do we ride, how we ride?" or something equally as ridiculous. What's worse is that there is now a website where these cycling evangelists can upload their footage and the police can sit behind a desk, drinking coffee and eating doughnuts, to decide whether they should or shouldn't pursue a case. Absolute disgrace!
Dave Lee, email

We need better drivers

Autobahn-style speed limits are good in theory (MCN, September 28) but the standard of driving and road awareness here mean this could never be a practical concept! Before we start looking at how we can increase speeds, how about we just make use of the current infrastructure correctly? The number of times I've had to move from lane one, to lane three, just to go round that driver who picks lane two and sticks with it throughout the journey. In Germany, they have excellent training and manners and

understand how to use the roads safely and courteously.
Jon Carter, West Midlands

Check you are covered

I would urge anyone taking out travel insurance to check the small print. I say this following an accident at Lake Como where I was hospitalised for 13 days. My travel insurance amounted to absolutely nothing. If riders check their policies they will see that they are not covered on motorcycles over 150cc, so it only helps nobheads using hired scooters and mopeds.
Peter Clemo, email

Help find dad's Triumph

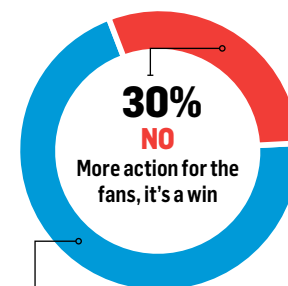
I wondered if you would be able to help trace the current owner of my dad's old bike - a Triumph Speed Twin 500. It used to be owned by his brother Eddie (Skinner) before my dad (Arthur Skinner). My dad (now 84) would dearly love to know if this bike is still alive and kicking.
Ian Skinner, email



Anyone out there seen 414EKJ? It is currently taxed on the DVLA system

READER POLL

Are 42 MotoGP races in 2023 too many?



70% YES Riders and teams will be put under huge stress

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LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'How can I be blamed for it?'

I have an accident claim going through that I thought was 100% down to the other person. However, I have received a letter from my solicitor saying the guy who hit me is blaming me for the accident. I was approaching a junction and as it was not clear for me to pull into the road, I stopped at the give way line. I got rear ended by a car and came off injuring my neck, shoulder and knee. He says it looked like I was going to continue into the road, so he followed me but that I suddenly braked. How is this my fault? I would be very grateful for any help you can give me.
James Barnsley, email

A Please don't worry as this is not your fault. Only very rarely will a victim of a rear-end collision be held to be blameworthy. This is not a case where you should consider any reduction to your compensation either by way of contributory

'They are just trying it on to avoid extra costs'

negligence, which is a Claimant's bit of the blame for an accident, or litigation risk, which is a discount reflecting the general risk of litigation. The other driver is 100% at fault in this instance.

It would be different if you pulled out of the junction, realised it was not clear and reversed into his car. Then it would be your fault. I expect the driver and his solicitor are just trying it on to avoid any increased insurance costs, so I suggest you pursue this.

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