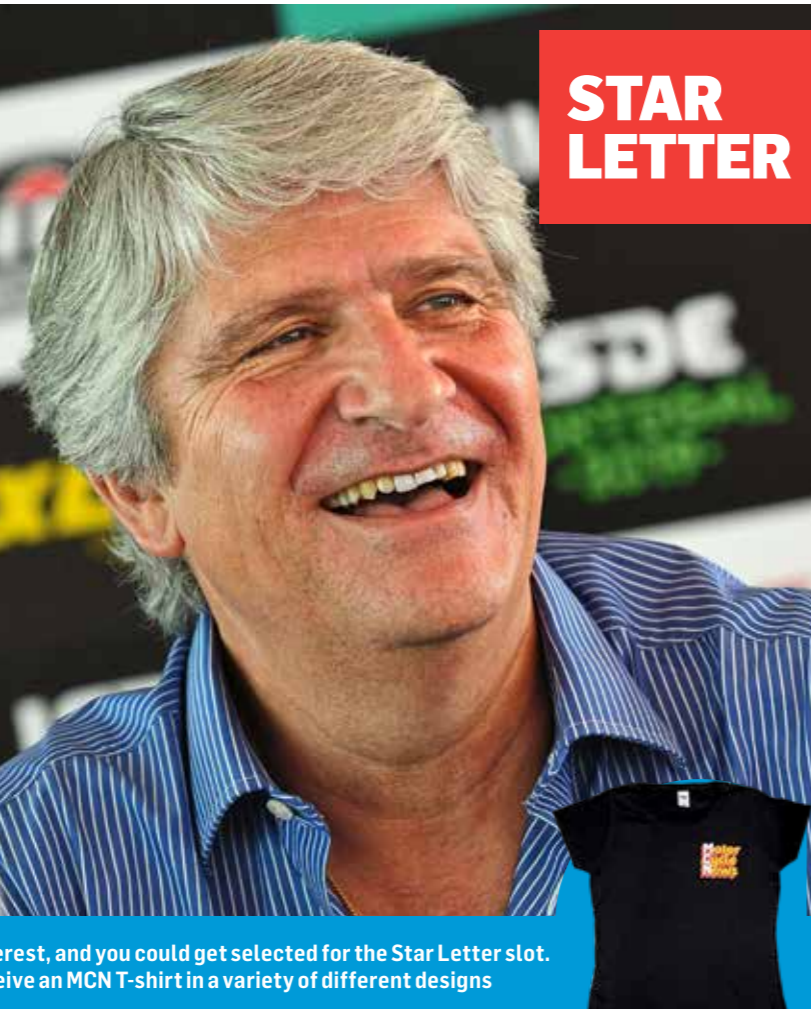


Talking point

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'FIM chief is right on aero'

FIM President Jorge Viegas' view on aerodynamics (MCN, March 1) where he stated that he is against them got me thinking. Do we need wings and things on a street bike in the real world? In my opinion they are expensive and potentially dangerous for other road users. It made me remember the time when I had a car with a wing on the boot. (No, I didn't fit it). It served no purpose, made the boot a bit heavier to open and the only use was as a scratching post for my cats. I think the 'trays' that have been fitted to motorbikes are ugly and we don't need them.
Graeme Martin, Kent



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

Electric's not so green
Emmanuel Baumard (MCN Letters, March 8) can't have read the section of the European Environmental Report, part of which MCN published, which exposed the fallacy of electric vehicles in terms of their emissions during manufacture. These vehicles produce vastly more emissions than the ICE do in manufacture, which means that ICE cars can travel in excess of 155,000 miles in the worst case before equating to the manufacturing emissions of electrics. I believe that hydrogen will become the energy of choice, rendering electrics obsolete as it can be utilised from existing fuel stations and is suitable for a wide range of vehicles.
Bob Brimfield, Sussex



You can cover a lot of miles when your bike has a rocket strapped on...

finance as I just wanted to buy the bike outright, but the dealer said the deal was only available with the finance. So I signed up, got the bike home, phoned BMW and told them I wanted to withdraw from the finance agreement. If you do that within 14 days you can pay it off and only pay a few pounds interest. I saved myself around £1990. Dealers may not like it, but I'm sure some customers are not aware of it.
Craig Walker, email

Ready for blast-off
Re Jade Clarke's picture in last week's Mileage Hunters – proof if needed that the Tuono is a bit of a rocket ship!
Ian Craig, Aberdeen

Still waiting on insurance
Like Paul Williams (MCN Letters, March 1) I too was unfortunate enough to have an insurance claim after two scum stole my bike. It happened in May 2022 and I still have not got it back! Ten months and counting. My advice: don't let your bike go to the insurance company's official repairers; take it to your local dealer. I wish I had.
Mike Gilson, email

WSB's smiling assasin
So that's what Rea was thinking when he said: "I must take responsibility" after Race 1 in Mandalika. He meant: "I must spoil Bautista's race somehow" and when he got his chance for a late lunge he couldn't believe his luck.
Pat Keenan, Guildford

They must be joking
In his recent interview in MCN Jorge Viegas, President of the FIM, said he'd spoken to Suzuki and they want to come back to MotoGP in the future. Surely a joke, right? How could they be trusted to stay?
Andrew Smithers, email

BSB points farce
Having followed BSB since it began and having been to every track in the UK to watch it, you could say I am a big fan. But now with this new ridiculous and complicated points system they have now lost me and my support. To me a championship involves all the ups and downs of injury comebacks, bad luck, good luck and everything in between. Yes sometimes certain riders and teams run away with it, but so what? Well done them, I say. But this new points system is farcical. Tell you what, why don't they just have one race a year at Brands at the end of summer and call that a 'championship'? Job done.
H Moolchan, email

Doing it for the kids
Regarding the poll about getting young people into the industry. Ian Pert up here in Scotland runs a charity called Hedzup Racing where he takes on youngsters and helps them out by getting them involved with building and preparing bikes to race in Scotland, Ireland and on the Isle of Man. He does a fantastic job and secures jobs to help the kids on their way in life.
Robert Neilson, Perthshire

READER POLL

Would you book an organised bike tour?



MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Should I take the loan bike?'

I recently left hospital following an accident with a car and have received a call from a company offering a replacement bike while mine is being repaired. I'm still recovering, so I am not sure I could even ride at this moment in time. What should I do?
Mel, email

A When considering whether to accept any replacement hire vehicle it is important to know whether it is on a 'courtesy' or 'credit hire' basis. If the former then it is relatively straightforward as the vehicle is likely being paid through your insurance and not arranged through a separate company. If the latter, you need to be careful. Credit hire is the supply of a like-for-like vehicle on a credit basis, which means the cost of hire is much more expensive. The contract will be between the

'You may have to pay for any shortfall'

company providing the hire and the individual involved in the accident. A clause is inserted that enables the company to recover any unrecovered money from the individual if there is a shortfall. This can leave them having to pay a significant bill if they are later found to be partly or wholly to blame for the accident. It is unclear whether fault for the accident has been agreed. If not, and as you are still unable to ride a motorcycle, then it may be sensible to decline the offer.

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Here's me with Skyla (seven) and Harley Valentino (three). We're a family of bike nutters. **Steve**



Age 17, inspecting my first proper bike. I'd saved up for months and my dad lent me the final £55! **Steve Fielder**



We lived on an estate built on a WW2 airfield so I taught my brother Malcolm to ride on the old runways. **Alby Walker**

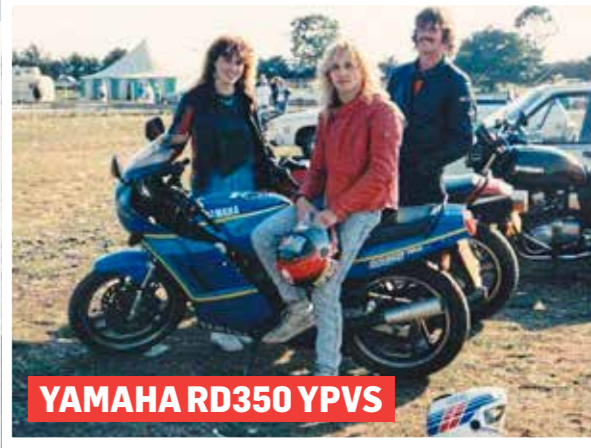
This was my first 'real' bike back in 1974. **Howard Kingsnorth**



YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE
A blast down memory lane
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This was Guy Davison's first bike, which he customised himself back in 1968. **Greta Van Boxem**



Great first bike memories. Here I am with the RD350 YPVS which I had when I was 18 in 1989... **Sean Wood**



...and here I am again a couple of years later on the Suzuki GSX-R1100 I had when I was 20 in 1991. **Sean Wood**



The bracket was for a loudspeaker for my CB radio. They were all the rage here in West Australia back then. **John Cordier**

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