

Talking point

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Your tricky legal questions answered

'Schwantz is a bundle of energy!'

Just had a fabulous day out at the Goodwood Festival of Speed. If you've never been, please book a ticket for next year. Nowhere else do you get the opportunity to get so close to your heroes and their machinery. Wonderful to see Wayne Rainey ride his YZR500 again, and I managed to get a photo with one of my all-time heroes, Kevin Schwantz. I think the attached photo really sums up Kevin's riding style, a caged bundle of energy bursting to escape. You guys make my Wednesdays.
Peter Spiers, Watford



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The TT must continue

Much amused by Jonathan Billington's email (MCN Letters, June 22) conflating mass shootings with the IoM TT. In one case a person (either of sound mind or not) intends to go out with a lethal weapon and kill as many people as possible. This is a crime. In the other case, people participate in a legal and highly regulated sport in which numerous precautions are taken to ensure all participants' safety. Furthermore, TT entrants put in prodigious amounts of money, knowledge, effort and skill in order to take part and they seem to be exactly the sort of characters who give huge amounts of value to our society via their activities on or off track. All events at the pinnacle of sport create history and legends: just as I grew up with my father telling me about Geoff Duke and the other great riders of the 50s and 60s, so children today will grow up with stories about Hickman and his contemporaries to enhance their lives. This is why the TT must



Acosta is the latest MX casualty

continue. Otherwise, we all might just as well go into continuous lockdown.

Robert Chaundy, email

Why do they do it?

I can never understand why MotoGP teams allow their riders to compete in motocross between events. At nearly every race you hear that at least one of the riders is not competing because they have injured themselves... Dovi,

Marquez, Rossi to name just a few and now the up-and-coming golden boy of Moto2, Pedro Acosta, has broken his femur doing exactly the same. You'd think that the risk of injury from just 'doing their job' would be enough to keep the teams and sponsors nervous enough.

Rob Chesman, Barnard Castle

Priced out of MotoGP

With MotoGP looking quite exciting and unpredictable for the first time in a while, I went onto the Silverstone website to tentatively look at the prices being charged for the event. A three-day ticket costs £95, not too bad considering. So I then checked for camping at their official site - £195 for two adults with a car (and that's the cheapest)! So the camping costs more than the actual racing. The telly it is then.

Ian Craig, Aberdeen

Rinne was like an artist

I was very pleased to see that Taru Rinne had not been forgotten in your special about women in

motorcycling. She is the fastest woman rider I've ever seen, and I used to admire particularly the beautifully clean-cut racing lines that she carved around Stowe Corner at Silverstone. I felt I was watching an artist at work. I wonder what she is doing now.
John Poulter, Buckinghamshire

Who needs fancy aeros?

I have been watching Superbikes and MotoGP for years and have noticed a couple of ongoing problems that have plagued teams for years - keeping the front wheel down and getting grip to the rear tyre. Here are my scientific views of how to cure these problems: Keep the front wheel down by fitting a tankbag filled with enough hand tools to do a minor service. Getting rear grip, I recommend fitting a top box and panniers filled with the weekends groceries.

Will May, email

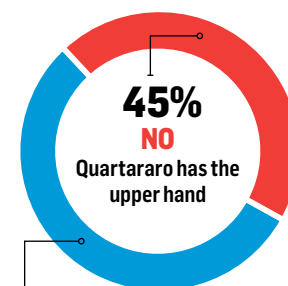
McPint's Rainey day

First port of call when I get MCN is the sport section, starting with John McGuinness. This week was about Goodwood and the ride of Wayne Rainey, he mentioned 1992 as a year Rainey dominated and pummeled his rivals, actually 1992 was the year Doohan was dominant until his Assen practice crash, at that point Doohan had a 53-point advantage over Schwantz and 65 over Rainey. Doohan missed four races, including Assen, returning for Brazil and SA and lost the title to Rainey by only four points.

Tim Claridge, Cornwall

READER POLL

Can Aleix and Aprilia go all the way?



55% YES The bike is fast and he is in super-hot form

Q 'Walker just stepped out'

I was riding my Triumph Tiger to work when traffic came to a stop ahead. There was nothing coming the other way, so I filtered past the traffic queue at about 20mph. This guy stepped out into my path and knocked me off. I was a bit bruised and shaken and my bike needed repairs. I have witnesses confirming that I could not have done anything and that it was his fault, but he has told my solicitors that if I carry on with a claim, he will counter claim for his shoulder and psychological injuries. He says he was waved across by the car driver at the front of the queue. Surely, he is to blame?

Geraint, Cardiff

A Filtering is perfectly legal despite what defendant solicitors and third-party insurers claim. Each case is fact specific so there are no absolute rules, but case law suggests if a line of traffic is stationary then a speed of 15mph would be

'Don't worry about pedestrian's counter claim'

appropriate whereas 20mph may not be. Other factors come into play, such as the proximity of a junction which can also impact on the likely finding of shared blame.

The pedestrian cannot rely on another road user waving him out. He must satisfy himself that it was safe to cross and had he looked properly he would have realised you were there. I would not worry about a counter claim but do be aware there may well be some split liability.

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