



Is it a month since you received the last newsletter wow! Time flies. Well not a lot has changed in terms of design but I will put that down to selfishly using my entire spare time to being out on the bikes (road & off-road #TRFjunky). Don't worry change will come.

Please can I ask to cast your mind back to the March 2016 newsletter when Max was talking about 'A' the last part of IPSSGA well I wish to take you back to the beginning again and talk about the 'I' (information) phase. The reasoning for this was that I had a quick conversation with Max regarding the use of Satnav devices whilst riding. So I ask you to look beyond the logistical/social benefit of these devices, Yes! They are marketed as a useful tool for any motorcyclist getting from A to B or using the winding road feature and Yes! I agree with that but should they be used whilst riding in IAM mode and does this impede the information phase and ultimately IPSSGA. As we are riding we are constantly using the information phase under the guise of TUG (Take Use Give) to help us make judgments that have impact on Position, Speed, Gear and Acceleration so does the satnav help or hinder this?? I would like to hear from you to get your views, for the record I prefer to ride to the limit point and use all the information that is presented to me and not try to predict the next right or left hander from a screen in front of me (remember this is only my personal opinion).

[Tyre Report by Kevin Orman](#)

It's been a couple of months since my last Metzeler Sportec tyre report and in that time I've managed to add another thousand miles to the Metzeler's. So far I've been very impressed with these tyres and now the weather is warming up I'm able to push them a little harder with some faster road riding. Firstly, the amount of grip they provide is totally confidence inspiring, I'm able to get the pegs scrapping far too easily on the Multistrada and coming from a GSXR1000 it is a little frustrating, but it's the way the Multistrada drives out of corners that is so very addictive (if you've never ridden a large V-Twin you don't know what you're missing), the Metzeler's just dig in with no traction control drama whatsoever, they just do what they're supposed to do. I'd noticed the traction control light blinking away on occasions with the RP4's, but never felt the rear slide, I do know a rider who nearly high sided on a dusty French roundabout, but thankfully stayed in control. Secondly these tyres still look factory fresh, with little signs of any wear after 1300 miles. I'm going to be putting at least another 1500 miles on them over the next month with a trip to Germany, it'll be good to see how they wear as I'm hoping I'll be able to use them around Thruxton.

Good Points

Sport profile gives Multistrada a quicker turn in. Dry weather grip levels so far exceed expectations, wearing well and look like new

Bad Points

Wet weather performance is not as good as RP4's

Would I buy them? It all depends how much they cost when compared to other brands and I may buy the Roadtec's instead. A friend has just bought some Bridgestone T30's so I'd like to hear his opinion on those for dusty French roundabouts.

[Possible Ride to Event – 2nd 3rd July Eastbourne 999 Display](#)

A possible ride out for some of you is what it says on the tin. The Eastbourne 99 Display [here](#).

[Sunday 12th June 2016 – Chandlers BMW, Portslade - 10.00am](#)

As today is the 2nd Sunday of the month, it is our regular monthly meeting. There is also ride out so hopefully the weather will be on our side.

The address is Victoria Road, Brighton, BN41 1YH and the link to the map is [here](#). As normal all members are warmly invited to turn up after 10.00am for a natter, a cuppa and a peruse of all the latest BMW models. Andrew and his staff could not be more helpful or welcoming. If you would like to test ride one of the BMW's at Chandlers, it will probably be best to book a ride. See Chandlers motorcycle website [here](#).

[..... and finally](#)

This month, here is a video of the legendary Cecil Debris (Dakar God). Sorry if you dislike off-roading! And as time goes by you will find out my winning choice of terrain. Video [here](#)

Regards

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