

## 2004 BMW K1200LT

Photos from a BMW owners club in Italy reveal changes made to the BMW K1200LT for 2004. Despite rumors of an electrically-operated kickstand, the photos seem to reveal a power-operated centerstand, instead. In addition, there is a newly-designed dash, with a large LCD readout in the center, and an extra headlight mounted under the standard one. The LT has not yet been officially released to the US press, but these photos seem fairly reliable.



Lo standio più avanzato della tecnica: una novità mondiale BMW Motorrad.

Il nuovo centrostand, azionato elettricamente, è stato creato da BMW. Questo sistema innovativo ha permesso di creare un centrostand che si solleva automaticamente al momento di accendere il motore. Il nuovo centrostand è stato progettato per essere più sicuro e più comodo da usare.



The AMA has announced its support of the final verdict in the case of **U.S. Rep. Bill Janklow**, who was convicted of second-degree manslaughter and three other counts related to a traffic accident that claimed the life of a motorcyclist.

On Saturday, August 16, motorcyclist Randolph Scott of Hardwick, Minn., was killed in a collision with a car driven by Janklow. Reports released by investigators indicated that Janklow's car, traveling at speeds estimated at more than 70 mph, did not stop at the stop sign and continued into the path of the motorcycle.

"We believe that the jury reached the correct verdict in this case," said Edward Moreland, AMA Vice President for Government Relations. "The legal system can never eliminate the loss suffered by the Scott family, but it was clear from the beginning that the tragic events of August 16 went far beyond a simple traffic accident. We hope this verdict sends a strong message, both to citizens and to the justice system."

For the latest news releases, visit the AMA News Room at <http://home.ama-cycle.org/newsroom>.

Motorcycle enthusiasts looking for the newest and most exciting offerings from powersports OEMs can now visit CycleTrader.com's **Manufacturer Showcase**.

Launched with Kawasaki as the inaugural sponsor, the Manufacturer Showcase ([www.CycleTrader.com](http://www.CycleTrader.com)) gives OEMs and authorized dealers a place to highlight the

very best of their new product lines.

"There is a misconception that online powersports classifieds are only for used vehicles, so we're delighted to be able to provide a way to enhance the visibility of new models," said Danielle Kerner, Business Development Manager at CycleTrader.com.

The Manufacturer Showcase takes visitors to the new models straight from CycleTrader.com's home page to a gallery of current models and a message from the OEM. Buyers can select the bike that interests them to view the bike's full specifications—from the fuel capacity to the engine type. From there, they can find a local dealer that carries that particular bike.

American Honda has announced that **Ricky Carmichael**, defending AMA 250 Supercross and AMA 250 National Motocross Champion, sustained a knee injury while testing for the 2004 season.

Carmichael was examined by his doctor, with the results showing a torn knee ligament. The injury will require surgery with a recovery time of four months. For more information, contact Lee Edmunds at American Honda, Press Department, (310) 781-6719 or Matt Freeman at Vreeke & Associates, (909) 533-1531.

**MV Agusta** has signed a letter of intent with Proton Group of Malaysia for the possible relaunch of the marque as a Proton Malaysia product.

## Win a Norton Commando



Cycle World magazine and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTf) have announced the fourth edition of the popular Cycle World/Ride for Kids motorcycle raffle. The winner of this year's grand prize will receive a Norton 952 Commando donated by Kenny Dreer and his team at Norton Motorsports. The winner will be selected from entries received during the 13 Cycle World International Motorcycle Shows held in 2003-2004. The show schedule is as follows:

- Long Beach, Dec 12-14**
- Denver, Dec 19-21**
- New York, Jan 2-4**
- Washington, DC, Jan 9-11**
- Atlanta, Jan 16-18**
- Cleveland, Jan 30-Feb 1**
- Chicago, Feb 6-8**
- Detroit, Feb 20-22**
- Daytona, Mar 3-7**
- Minneapolis, Mar 26-28**

Prices are \$5 for one (1) ticket, and five (5) tickets may be purchased for \$20.

Tickets may also be obtained by mail from the PBTf, 302 Ridgefield Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

The drawing will be held at 12 noon EDT, on May 3, 2004 at the PBTf headquarters in Asheville, NC.

Proceeds benefit the research and family support programs of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

"Motorcyclists are the core of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation," commented Mike Traynor, president of the PBTf. "For over 20 years, the national Ride for Kids program has been raising funds to support pediatric brain tumor research. Today, more children die from brain tumors than from any other childhood cancer. With help from motorcycling enthusiasts from across the country, we will continue our search for the cause and cure of childhood brain tumors. We are grateful for the support that Cycle World and Norton Motorsports have given us."

## Foale Seminar

MCN's own Technical Editor, Tony Foale, was invited to the San Francisco area to give an Advanced Motorcycle Suspension and Chassis Workshop by rider training guru Keith Code and Bay Area chiropractor Doc Wong. It was only Foale's second visit to the United States, and he was very pleased with the warm welcome he received.

Held on November 29, 2003 in Redwood City, the seminar was limited to approximately 60 attendees and was quickly a sell-out at \$89 per.

Naturally, most had heard of Tony through the articles he's written for MCN, and sales of his book, *Motorcycle Handling And Chassis Design, the Art and Science*. Sales of CDs of the book and a new interactive rear suspension program were brisk at the event.

The program lasted a full eight hours and Tony's enthusiasm for his subject never diminished. Tires' characteristics and its suspension effects, and the intricacies of balance and steering were covered in detail. The audience seemed to be made up primarily of racers and hard-core gearheads.

A second such seminar is possible, and if you'd like to attend the next one, contact Keith Code (1-800-530-3350; [www.superbikeschool.com](http://www.superbikeschool.com)) or Doc Wong ([www.docwong.com](http://www.docwong.com)) to register your wish to attend.

If you'd like to have your own copy of Tony's book, which we've recommended before, see his website at [www.tonyfoale.com](http://www.tonyfoale.com) and buy direct.



### Price Announcement for Rocket III

Triumph has announced that its new 2.3-liter Rocket III mega-cruiser will carry an MSRP of \$15,990 in the US. The bike will be available in a wide variety of custom schemes, such as the "Tribal" shown above. The bike is on tour with the Cycle World International Motorcycle Shows this winter, and will be in dealers' showrooms this coming spring.

Proton Group is the leader in Malaysia in the field of automobile production and is particularly interested in the development of its own production in the motorcycle field in Europe, where it already possesses the automobile trademark Lotus. For more information, see [www.mvagusta.it](http://www.mvagusta.it).

### Pricing Error on Battery Doc

The price listed for the Battery Doc charger in David Hough's "Christmas Picks" in the December MCN (\$29.95) was in error. The actual price is \$48.95. David apologizes sincerely to all his readers, and to the manufacturer, for his error. He says he inadvertently wrote down the price of another item he was testing, and our proofing staff here at the office failed to catch the error.

## Latest Recalls

### Honda

Model: **GL1800A Gold Wing**

Year: 2002 - 2003

Number Potentially Involved: 8,196

Manufactured: March - December 2002

Defect: On some motorcycles, certain frame welds do not meet manufacturing specifications. High loads created when riding on rough road surfaces or through potholes can cause the affected welds to crack. The welded area could break, resulting in rear suspension collapse or lower crossmember separation, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Dealers will inspect and reinforce the welds on all frames.

NHTSA Recall No. 03V350

### Polaris

Model: **Victory V92C, V92SC, V92DC**

Year: 1998 - 2001

Number Potentially Involved: 9,120

Manufactured: July 1998 - July 2001

Defect: On certain motorcycles, the sidestand spring and/or the pin used to attach the spring to the frame may be damaged, allowing unintended deployment of the sidestand, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy: Dealers will inspect and replace the sidestand spring and frame rail bracket.

NHTSA Recall No. 03V336

Polaris/Victory Recall No. V-03-05