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08/09/12 – VINCE JONECKO R.I.P.

And that short phrase conveys the awful truth – Vince, Vini – is no longer with us. No more to lead us on those wonderful ride outs, taking us along such a variety of great riding roads which were seemingly imprinted somewhere in his brain. He didn't have a Sat-Nav. Never saw him look at a map. He just went – navigating by the pull of the stars perhaps. Whatever it was, it

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Vince



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are these: At around 10:00 on Saturday morning, Vince, riding his Victory Vegas was involved in a collision with a 4X4 towing a Caravan on the A5 in Shropshire. Vince died from his injuries at the scene. There were witnesses but the Police are appealing for more, a full investigation is underway.

And that's it. That's all we know. And we'd request that there is no misinformation; conjecture or any form of speculation, especially on social media. Let's wait for the facts to emerge. Unfortunately it has already become necessary to put the record straight. Vince didn't "work for Thunder Road" – he wasn't employed by us. However, he did far more for us and for Victory in the U.K. than anyone realised or ever gave him credit for. And secondly – whilst he did "Lead the Saturday Ride Outs", to say he "Crashed his bike on way to one" (sic) – is wrong. It's more than just semantics – it's simply incorrect as while it doesn't say nearly enough, at the same time it also manages to convey the wrong impression. It implies that it was his fault - and possibly deliberate. We don't know whose fault it was but it was certainly not deliberate. I know that this was never the author's intention - so, please – if you're going to say anything about Vince, think about the wording carefully. He's got an awful lot of friends, not to mention his wife and family who don't need to be any more upset than they already are.

Having said that - please, please, please - do share your thoughts and memories of a wonderful, gentle, man who was just a little bit shy, who never wanted any praise or recognition but was always giving, caring and helping. Life does and will go on but you've left a bloody great hole mate – and there's no way to fill it. God – we miss our friend so much already. Our world is a much poorer place without you. With so much love – Gil & Jude – Clive and Rob at Thunder Road.



**Graham Goodall**

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**Herbert Knteblox** Nice words there!!

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**Thunder Road Ltd** Forgot to credit the shot to Brooksy - Karl "Hammer" Brookes - thanks mate - Gil

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**Paul Pilgrim** Well said

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**Karl 'Hammer' Brookes** This may sound a little self indulgent but so be it.....Out of all the many Vic riders I've met and everyone involved with Thunder Road, be they employee, owner, friend or just a general bike rider. I cannot give enough praise!

It's never felt just like a 'dealership' I bought a bike from! From day one it's been like a bunch of mates that I happen to share the same brand of bike with (cliche maybe? Who cares).

Although I only knew Vince a short time, he was a friend, fellow biker and all round dafty and to be honest it's kinda hard to deal with his loss. Not just as a fellow biker or as a mate but as a massive loss to his wife and all at Thunder Road.

Memories of Vince.....always smiling, fun loving and genuine. Never liked his bloody photo taken but I caught him off guards a few times :-). He took the pee something rotten on my first ride with him to Vyrnwy cos I did nothing but moan about how filthy my bike was getting in the awful weather! Will be missed so so much!

September 12 at 8:49pm · Like · 2



**Andy Robinson** Fantastic words!!! And a massive loss!!! RIP

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**Paul Pilgrim** The first time I met Vince was just after I got my Vegas and I was thinking of getting a screen, he offered to lend

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memories of this kind, generous and humorous man, I feel it was wonderful to have known him.

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**Peter S Coulson** From the reports it sounds like the emergency services did all they could to save him, the passing of Vince is terrible news.

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**Marie Dewson** Both Pete and I are so saddened by the loss of Vince. He may not have been employed by TRL or Victory but he was Mr Victory. Always there with his smile and never saying a great deal but we just felt so comfortable in his company - we didn't need any words .... Life won't be the same without him but we'll all go on for his sake and your Gill, Jude and all of the TRL gang and of course Ruth. He may no longer ride by our side but he has some great mates now to ride with in heaven.

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**Marie Dewson** As a biker, we are unique  
The open road is what we seek  
The camaraderie of our brothers, our friends  
Knowing they'll be there  
'Til the very end

But when we take that final ride  
There'll be another by our side  
And one thing I know, for a fact  
God will also have my back

For it's in him now  
We place our trust  
For this road we travel  
Is a must

So as we reach this road trips end  
Know in your heart  
We'll meet again

Someday soon the thunder will roll  
As we ride down those streets of gold  
With wind in our face, we're free at last  
The troubles here are now all past  
And with brothers there  
We'll meet again  
And ride for eternity  
Peace in the wind

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**Michael Mcdowell** Very sad to hear the news  
Vince was a great guy and pleasure to know and deal with  
His ride outs were fantastically well planned and brilliantly run, ( I didn't even mind being told off for not having enough fuel on one occasion)

He was someone I would trust with any bike from our fleet at anytime and knew it would be in safe hands.  
He was a pleasure to ride with and could inspire you to ride better and smoother.

His dry sense of humour and sharp wit always made you smile.  
He will be very sorely missed

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**Jamie Jones** I don't know why, but on that Saturday morning I

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great shock. I have nothing but great memories of the times I have meet Vince. The help and advice he has given me as a new rider has been very appreciated. Having ridden behind him it was clear that he was an extremely experienced rider who had very good hazard perception and riding skills.

It is a great loss to the Victory riding community to lose such a great guy who freely gave his time to so many others.

My deepest sympathies and thoughts go out to Vince's family, friends and the rest of the Victory riding community who knew him.

Vince will be deeply missed by all.. Never forgotten and will continue to ride with us in sprit whenever we take to the road.

[Jamie Jones](#)

September 14 at 12:13am · Edited · Like · 4



[Steve Plant](#) Remember my first ride out with Vin and Gil as we trundled off in I think March 2006 to a Victory dealers open day in Dorset and everything was going swimmingly well for the three of us on our gleaming Vics and as ever Vin had planned our route with precision with him leading me in the middle being the new boy n Gil taking the rear when all of a sudden 2 miles from our destination on a country lane Vin stoppes as there is a deep ford running across the road so as I am trying to muffle a fee expletive words to Vin through my open face n burka about taking a detour he hit the throttle and thundered through it leaving a Tsunami in his wake with me and Gil cautiously following and as ever when we got to our destination a few minutes later he took his helmet off and there was that great smile while I moaned about the stake my Kingpin has got into going thought the Ford!! Another day out with Vin n Gil getting wet!!! RIP mate and thanks for the good times.....

September 15 at 11:00pm · Edited · Like · 5



[Shaun Davies](#) I'd just like to say Gil how fantastic it was to see so many riders at Vini's funeral today. Knowing his involvement with the shop and his enjoyment of riding with you lot I expected to see a couple of bikes but I was blown away by just how many of you guys were there as were many of his other work mates. A wonderful tribute to a lovely bloke.

September 21 at 6:34pm · Like · 5



[Cath Tyldesley](#) As a non biker (sorry) I was at the church when you all arrived on your bikes and it was a very moving moment. I'm sure Vini was looking down and smiling. Thank you.

September 21 at 7:29pm · Like · 3



[Helen McLeod](#) ditto that. you all looked great driving in together. im sure he was watching too. x

September 21 at 7:36pm · Like · 5



[Gail Green](#) Vince was one of my neighbours and its still hard to believe he is gone. Your reading at the funeral yesterday Gil was fabulous, a real tribute to him and he would have loved the p... [See More](#)

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