

DRAG STAR KLIKTRONIC

Five years ago I was diagnosed with Psoriatic Arthritis in my hands and feet. For the first twelve months, the drugs kept it in check, but my health went slowly downhill, and in 1997, my wife was offered a new job in the Isle of Man (Bikers Heaven!). This meant I was able to give up my job, and we moved to the Island in February 1998.

By now, riding the bike was starting to become painful, if I had to ride in bad weather, or go any distance. Anyway, four years down the line, after various cocktails of medication (none of which were any use) I had a bike sitting on the drive like a garden ornament, and I'm climbing the walls because I can't ride.

Then I met Vic, (NABD's ex adaptations officer), who had recently moved to the Island. One night in the pub, he asked if I'd thought of applying to NABD for a grant to get me back on the road. I applied, and a few weeks later, a Kliktronic gear shifter arrived in the post. Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou!

After hitting some problems with the fitting, the least of which were doing it in the middle of winter in the driving

rain and gale force winds (typical Manx weather), I was back on the road! The Kliktronic is a dream to use, now I've got the hang of it. Since we completed the fitting in February this year, I've done more miles than in the previous two years. Happy days!

I'd just like to thank NABD for their generosity and help, Vic for his expertise and help fitting it, Bob at



400 Eliminator Kliktronic

Having made up my mind back in 1999 to get back on two wheels, I can now say, "I'm back". After a long battle of trying to save my left foot, the decision to amputate at below knee was given by myself and my dreams of getting back on two wheels looked over.

In November 2001 the operation took place, in and out in 14 days (shortest stint for me) and back home with my two cats. I was watching 'Men and Motors' one day while religiously doing my exercises (yeh) and I saw this fellow from Manchester he had 9 bikes each one adapted to suit his above knee amputation. Well I have to admit I grinned like a Cheshire Cat. Then while searching the Internet (wonderful thing) it led me to NABD and now my dream could happen.

I had to start from scratch and the first item was a bike, I got lucky there, I was introduced by a friend to Mick a fellow amputee who rides a Harley. He had a Kawasaki 400 for sale, so the sale was made (love at first sight for me).

Being an imported bike I had to get it registered, MOT'd, taxed and insured. All this was done after Steve (a friend with an R1) serviced the bike. I applied for a Kliktronic gear changer from NABD and

within 3 days I received the system. I have to say I am most impressed and I can't thank you enough.

Well all the pieces were there so I called a couple of friends (all bikers) and so three days after receiving the Kliktronic, Derek, Kevin, and Steve, had fitted the system and I tested the bike out for the first time. So then I took my CBT and had lessons with two great instructors, Simon, and



Dave Comyns

Kliktronic for his advice, and finally Billy Big Beard for his patience in waiting for this report (slacker aren't I).

Ride safe.

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Foss, and thanks to them I took and passed my test on the 7th November 2001.

I wish to thank a lot of people, especially NABD, and the only real way of saying thank you is to ride my bike. Plans are already in progress for a trip into Europe and next years TT.

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