



Many of us have considered the prospect of going to Italy to find our very Italian classic. But as Mark Stringer found out, things don't always turn out quite as planned

**Mark goes
Tok on the
Bergini dipper, a
bike whose
handling is so
good, you don't
even have to
slow down for
the bends (or so
he claims)**

Remember '84? I left him in Italy, only back in 1986 five with a wallet full of cash, enjoying La Classica '84 to the full and wondering, not to mention wondering what 8 litres of Testosterone for five quid, what form of transport was more likely to get him home. He rode down on a borrowed BMW R1100GS (he later took BMW L3) with the intention

of finding his second hand Laverda 750 SP to buy and that he rode back on a 4.5hp street with a robust, enduring motor and a fine reputation as a true classic among the real progression. The way thing of the three Bavarian machines had started in succession, and impressed with the ability of the pilot ride down there or no, he knew it was time for a change.

Yes, but how the SP possessed not only the features attributes of a collector's bike, but practical virtues in enough capacity to be true home in its style and comfort. It was a bike that always held a fascination and he'd even been the proud owner of an Alpino for a brief span several years ago, until a trade car up the back of it and replaced it to a Concorde. This particular machine was arranged







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