

The BIG BANG explained!

Most Kettle owners who have installed an Accent ignition, will be familiar with one of its little foibles; that being to generate a "POP!" on occasions, when the ignition switch is first turned to 'ON'. The noise is produced when a vestigial of fuel vapour, trapped in one of the cylinders ignites; something that can make you jump a little when first experienced!

Anyway; my good buddy and fellow member 'Bondy' was in his garage when he decided to fire up his Kettle. So he switches on the ignition and there's this almighty "BANG!" that scared the bejesus out of him! It was so loud In fact; that his missus came running from the house to see what had happened. Well, the poor bewildered and deafened soul hadn't got a clue at that point and after a cursory glance around, he decided to retire for a calming beer or 3.

On paying him a visit the next day, he related what had happened the evening before. So we started the bike up and straight away it was clear that something was amiss because it sounded as though one of his exhaust baffles had blown out however, the source of the racket was quickly revealed to be the No.1 silencer, which had been split wide open along almost its entire upper seam! It would appear most likely that the No. 1 cylinder and exhaust had been charged with a sufficient quantity of fuel vapour to produce a violent back-fire when the ignition had been turned on, so violent that it had burst through the seam of the pipe which had been weakened no doubt, by the process of re-chroming that had been done by the previous owner. I must admit, I never would have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes! **Skid B**

