

# Having fun with our **give-away** motorbikes

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A FUN DAY out for the family is one of those brilliant concepts ruined by mundane activities like walking around a shopping mall, or having a picnic next to a lake. The modern family demands adrenaline-packed activities that facilitate the bonding process, but also put a huge grin on your face.

We recently stumbled upon the best family activity you can possibly imagine, and it involves the Puzey motorbikes we'll be giving away at the end of October.

As you know, the winner will have to make a choice between an on-road and an off-road package. To help make this decision a little easier, we thought we'd get our hands on a few test mules to see which is best.

This week we went with the off-road package, which consists of an XTR 500cc MXL for dad, an MXR 150cc for mom and a Thumpa 70cc (or XP 125cc if you prefer) for junior.

This collection of bikes is aimed at the adventurous family who don't mind dirt on their faces. To test the bikes, we spent a morning at the dustiest place we could find to see if they're as much fun as their funky styling would have us believe.

The only bike we missed out on is the XTR 500cc, but if the power of the MXR 150cc is anything to go by, it should be an absolute beast.

The MXR weighs just 76kg, making it perfect for ladies or teens. Its adjustable suspension makes it ideal for all road conditions, especially once you take to the rough stuff. The 11kW engine is potent enough to make healthy progress on a dirt road, but you never feel intimidated by the power.

The XP 125cc is one of the smaller choices available in the off-road package. This lightweight (62kg) uses a single cylinder, four-stroke engine that develops enough horsepower to kick up some serious dust clouds. It's the perfect size for anyone between the ages of 12 and 16, but if it's

comical value you're after, just about everyone can hop on.

Our favourite of the bunch was undoubtedly the Thumpa 70 with its electric start and semi-automatic gearbox. The power delivery of its 50cc engine is immediate, which goes some way towards explaining the fun factor included as standard in the tiny bike. When you first lay eyes on it, you don't expect much. It's much smaller than the rest of the bikes included in the prize, as it's aimed at a smaller target audience.

Don't let that fool you though, because the Thumpa's name must refer to the massive heart beating underneath the bodywork. It may be down in power and size, but it more than makes up for it when it comes to character. Even more impressive is the fact that it went everywhere the other bikes did. It did a sharp incline we weren't even sure we could do on the 150cc bikes and it did it without any help from the rider whatsoever.

The off-road package is undoubtedly a huge amount of fun and so much better than a boring picnic next to a boring lake. If you can see yourself barrelling along a dirt road on any of these bikes, remember to enter the competition to stand a chance at winning a motorbike for three members of your family. All you need do is log on to: [www.looklocalmotoring.co.za](http://www.looklocalmotoring.co.za) and click on the competition banner, or scan the QR code on this page with your smart phone.

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