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BBC Top Gear presenter and huge bike nut James May has – along with colleague Richard Hammond – been buying a number of new motorcycles but they aren't what you would expect...

The most recent bike to join my others is one of the Honda 400/4s which I bought from David Silver Spares and I also have an old Honda CB200 which I rebuilt with Classic Bike magazine. I do like these bikes because they are so simple and easy to work on and they are proper motorcycles. Hammond and I recently bought a completely restored Yamaha Fizzy each. They are great fun.

I really don't want anyone to think I am some sort of spoilt tosser buying a few more bikes. I have about 12 or 13 now but they all mean something and most are pretty cheap things. I recently got a Ducati 900SS but I only bought that because I already had one which wasn't in the condition I wanted. Another one on the list is a 1997 Moto Guzzi V11 in red or yellow. I just like the look of those but the issue I have at the moment is a lack of space. Oh, and there is also a BMW R100 in bits, too.

Hammond and I have been talking about setting up a museum and we think we will call it The Museum of Motorcycles We Find Interesting. There will be a Suzuki Katana, Triumph Daytona 500, a Yamaha RD250 and 500 and a 1970s CL Honda.

It's 90% beer talk to be honest but I am hoping to buy a woodworking shop next door to my house so perhaps I can use some of that space. My partner might not want that and she has been talking about kitchens and things like that! I'd much rather some more motorcycles went in there, though.

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May can't tick off more bikes on his wish list without more space