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THIS IS OUR BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR.....

We are booking the same room as last year and for those who have not helped out at this event before you have missed a treat—a nice room with drinks and biscuits provided. We overlook the racing lanes and have total use of the car park at the side.

We will be running an advertising campaign again with a booking in system and as normal we will be asking for members support—not just committee and observers. We have jobs at the reception desk, car park and refreshment duties, handing out leaflets, filling in registration and feedback forms etc

Watch this space and the Yahoo site...

SUNDAY
30TH MARCH 2008
HOLME PIERREPONT



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THE EDITORS BIT



Yes Yes Yes the January edition and so close to the last one but hopefully getting back on target now.

The plan has always been a deadline of the 15th then publication soon after.

Busy month again on a personal level. It looks like I've swapped the bike and the Girlfriend... another biker chick!! So just call her luv or duck to avoid any embarrassing moments. No I didn't get her off the internet or a lonely hearts column I stumbled across her in a pub—quite literally!! Another blonde—so try not to confuse her!!! (Its okay she'll never see this).

I have another bike—a bargain it was—couldn't resist it.... Another Honda.....The actual model is printed somewhere in the newsletter—so get hunting and I await the email laughter!!! Had a quick ride Saturday—really nice to be back on a bike! Even though my shoulder and back are still giving me jip!

I must admit to being a little embarrassed and I know the Pi\$\$ taking will be relentless BUT—I have broad shoulders and revenge is sweet... I am the newsletter editor have licence to print anything within reason!!

Having said I am "licence to print" I got in a spot of bother last month with an article I reproduced I upset a couple of people; to them I am truly sorry to those who didn't notice—you probably don't read it anyway. (But probably will now).

My other acquisition this month is a pair of Daytona boots as pictured above—brilliant—always dreamed of some and now I have some—only worn them to the pub to date—they need bedding in!!!!

I got them from Crusader Leathers at Chesterfield—what a friendly shop. Will definitely be using them again.

Anyhow until next month stay safe and hopefully dry!

Phil

Knowing me, Knowing you.....



**Geoff
Cameron**

1st Bike Owned: Yamaha YBR-125
Current bike: Yamaha FZ6 Fazer S2
Full licence for how many years? 18 Months
What car do you own? None
If you won the Lottery what bike would you buy and why (Max of 3)
 Yamaha R6 2007 model (track bike)
 Suzuki B-King
 Honda CBR600RR in a Toseland Replica
Favourite type of music and Singer/Band:
 System of a Down
Favourite TV programme: Top Gear
Favourite Sport: Bike Racing (WSB/Moto GP)
Favourite Comedian: Peter Kay
Favourite Film & Why?
 Hot Fuzz – It is just pure madness
Other Hobbies Interests:
 Racing 1/10th Radio Controlled Cars
Where would you like to travel?
 To the best Driving Road in Europe (according to Top Gear)
Tell us something we don't know about you:
 I have to decided to learn to drive.



Yamaha FZ6 Fazer S2



Yamaha YBR-125



Chairman's bit

Christmas is now a distant memory apart from the visa bills that keep turning up. The problem now is that farmers are leaving mud all over the road, as they try to go about their business. The rain as back and there are flood warnings popping up every where, but there are still large amounts of standing water in the bottom of dips and holes, so please try to avoid riding through them as you don't know how deep they are. We are still having unexpected frosts, last weekend I had to postpone my MOT until after 10am because it was too slippery to risk getting the bike out as I could easily have spun the wheels on the van up to 3rd gear. And there are more forecast so watch out for those slippery bits under the trees where you will find micro climates. These are areas that haven't been warmed by the sunshine, and they may still be at several degrees lower than other parts you have ridden through, and it may still be frosty so take care.

The light is still failing at around 4.30pm now. And if you get caught heading home towards the west, like we did last weekend whilst out training, the sun is so low it is really very hard for you to see other road users, but remember that those other road users are having the same problem as you are, and they might lose your head light in the brightness of the sun when it is behind you. So please take care at junctions and when you are overtaking.

What have I been doing this past month?

I have been on my first training run of the year. And that was very slippery so we had to postpone it until 12.30 pm to try to avoid the frost.

We have had our committee meeting that didn't see its last member leave until 11pm. We went to the "Motorcycle Forum Meeting" to inform them about our HPP event and to raise funding towards it. And I found out that I had been nominated as vice chairman whilst we were in Scotland.

This is a great honour to be asked, and it will be good to have a more influential position in the meeting to promote the IAM and rider education.

Scotland part 4 (The final frontier)

We started the next part of our tour by sadly loading the bike back into the van. This was because we had decided to move further south to Oban. Several people have told me to go there if I get the chance, so as we were more or less passing it we should stop and have a look around.

We made our way back down the side of Loch Ness heading

south. But being in the van made overtaking very hard because with only short straights to nip past, you needed to be really on your toes waiting to grab every thing you could get. (How bad must it be, to be living up here and trying to run a business when you get the summer influx of holiday makers? The roads just aren't up to the job of moving motorists around quickly)

We went through Fort William and onto Glencoe where we found it to be very large and impressive, with nothing to be seen for what seemed like miles around, other than the occasional car or lucky biker.

We stopped at a hotel/pub at the "Bridge of Orchy" for lunch, and got talking to an old retired local biker, who told us many tales about biking around the area, and his years in the mountain rescue team. He was or still is a journalist and told us about several stories he had written that had made the big press.

We told him that we wanted to do a little mountain biking in the area. He recommended a section of a famous walking route from London to the north (sorry the name escapes me. Nick Ireland knows what it is, as he has done it twice. So ask him if you are interested)

We said our good byes and travelled towards Oban down a little lane B8047 following the path of a rambling river (river Orchy). We stopped several times to just sit and watch it and take a few pictures. We could have been anywhere from the Alps to Canada. WOW.

We went through to Oban with a little more purpose all of a sudden when we realised what time it was, because one of the things the old biker had told us we must see was the sun set, looking out to the "Isle of Mull" and the many other islands.

We stood and watched the sun go down from the end of the promenade by the war memorial and it was well worth the rush to see it.

Once most of it had happened, we went to a B&B across the road called the "Barriemore". I thought we were going to wake up dead floating in a pool!!!! But when we said this to the owner the following morning he said that we were ok because it was the wrong spelling!

They had a Great Dane of about three years old who looked after the place. She was very playful once you got her to get out of her bed...

The following day we headed back to the bridge of Orchy to have a mountain bike ride along the trail we had been recommended.

We got out our bikes, and started along the route. We past through some beautiful scenery as we rode. And we started to climb the hill that separated this valley from the next. It started off quite gentle at first but that was just to tease us.

Because it wasn't long before my lungs were ready to burst. I kept thinking that it would level out just around the next bend, so I would push my self on to the next corner to only find that it had got even steeper.

I would stop and wait for Angela to catch up again before moving on. I was grateful to see that she looked as knackered as I did.

If things weren't bad enough, we were engulfed in what we were told later were "Stag flies". They were like a spider with wings. I would try to blow them off my cloths or even my face but they would cling on to you with claw like feet. They were horrible.

After this had gone on for what seemed like hours we gave up and went back down the hill to escape them. The ride down was brilliant, the suspension was working over time as I bounced and jumped off the big rocks that made up the path. Once on level ground we stopped off for a tea and some cake, at an old inn that we had passed earlier on. We got talking to the owner and she told us to come back later and wait by the river and we would see all the deer coming off the hill side for the night.

So with this new idea of how to spend the night, we cycled back to the van with a little more enthusiasm. We packed the bikes back into the van and returned to the inn for more tea, and then off to the river as advised.

We sat there for a couple of hours, and during this time the deer could be heard braying to one another across the valley. Another local farmer came by and stopped to see if we were ok, and when I found out what we were doing, he loaned us his binoculars to get a better look. Wow you could see the fur on them. (They were over £600 though)

Satisfied with our results we returned to Oban for an evening meal and bed.



The following morning we were heading south again. We decided to visit "The Famous Grouse" museum, as Angela likes a good whisky.

We found it just in time for the next trip. It was great, every where you went they played the,

"Do do do do, doo di di doo da da da dum" theme tune, and you saw the dancing bird. I don't drink but I love the adverts, so I was enjoying it as much as Angela.

During the tour they gave us 2 shots each to taste, but as I don't drink, Angela had mine and one from another woman. And then in the shop they gave us another one each, so she had them as well. We then went into the restaurant for "haggis neaps and tatties". They were doing a special offer on a taster tray, where you got 4 shots for £3.99. So she had one of those too. So adding them all up she had had, 11 shots by lunch time.

Well the conversation quality was deteriorating some what, and I was being told the same thing several times, so it was time to go south again. I poured her into the passenger seat and set off for



our next destination of the "Falkirk Wheel" near Glasgow.

This is a fabulous piece of engineering to raise the canal boats from the lower level of the lock to a high level bridge, by a giant cam style

wheel with two containers for the boats. It had been my ambition to ride the wheel for a couple of years, but when I asked Angela if she would like to go on it, she said "NO". I didn't push her too hard, because she obviously didn't want to go on, but at the time I didn't realise why. But looking back at it now, I realise that she had to deal with 11 whiskies already, with out having to deal with her problem with heights as well.

We left there and went further south to the Lake District, to find a B&B for the night. But it turned out that the "Great North Run" was the same weekend, and there was not a room available for the night until we got to Blackburn. Blimey we were almost home, but we had been up for hours and seen lots of things, and at 11.30pm I was shattered and I needed to get to bed.

The following morning after breakfast we made our way around Manchester via back lanes and dropped into Derbyshire and into Chatsworth House to see a vintage / historic car rally, being held in the grounds. We stayed for a couple of hours before heading home.

We had been away for only eleven days, but we felt as though we had been away for weeks. We had travelled over 2000 miles, seen lots of new beautiful places, with some very good friends, and spent most of the time laughing, and laughing even more.

Had we enjoyed our selves? YES

Would we recommend it to others? YES

Would we be returning? YES

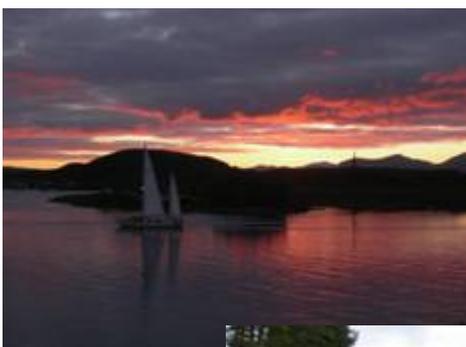
Part five in next month. Just kidding, I'm all typed out. (Thank F** !!...Ed)

New Members

Once again I would like to ask the existing members to welcome in any new members that are starting to come along to group nights, just remember how daunting it was to walk in the room alone when you first joined. So if you see any one you don't know please say hello and make them feel welcome. It doesn't matter if they have been a member for a while just have a chat.

That's all for now see you all soon.

Steve Laughton



I resisted making any comment about this picture.... Ed!!

LETTERS PAGE.....WELL LETTER COLUMN !!

Dear Editor,

When I first heard little bits about that Ryan's work colleague had come off his bike and a picture was sent round, I thought that he was unfortunate. Then I read in Ryan's article *What could possibly go wrong ?* quote:

"Dick hoisted a wheelie, and rode on his back wheel for an impressive distance. The wheelie was carried too close into the corner, and it was clear that too much speed was being carried, on an unsettled bike into the corner."

I knew why Ryan changed his name to Dick !

Wheelies! Some people think it's showing off. Others see it as a rider in perfect control of his bike, especially when done properly! But how many can do it properly and at an appropriate place and time. That place is not on a public road. Go onto any Internet browser and search for bike wheelie you'll not get passed the first page before crash is mentioned. There is even more choice on YOU TUBE.

I know that if the Observer had been John Annable. Phrases like "What were you thinking about!?", Clearly not riding properly". "You were having a great ride just up to the point you behaved like a right **** (fill your own word in It'll fit).

These riders definitely need training. I'm pleased that Ryan wasn't injured in the incident and being an Senior observer had the necessary skill even though indicated in the article his bike was being ridden close to the laws of physics. "As I braked hard for the first corner, the cold back tyre slithered about, and the slipper clutch became useless as the back wheel hopped around. I was having to concentrate to keep up".

If you feel you are in this situation by another rider BACK OFF! use your advanced riding skills and make safe progress.

Also, read the chairman's bit first paragraph about winter riding. Good reminders.

I think a poster like this would be appropriate to Dick!

HOW IS MY RIDING ?
Become an Advanced Motorcyclist
with Nottingham IAM Group. Seven road - based
advice sessions with IAM Observers, all for £ as
part of the "Skills for Life" course. This includes
IAM Membership and test to an approved standard.
Close call? ... give us a call



Duncan Wallace
Assistant Training
Co-Ordinator

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Events



Nottinghamshire Charity Easter Egg Run 2008

All the Easter Eggs will be distributed to Disadvantaged Children and Children with additional needs in Nottinghamshire

This is an annual event, where Bikers from all over the region meet and show their generosity to support local Children.

Sunday 16th March 2008

Meet at The Forest Recreation site 09.30 Depart 10.00 to Mansfield Fire Station
Where a reception will be held for the Bikers - Free Refreshments and a few words of thanks from the sponsors.
(Total distance 14.7 miles)

Disclaimer.

All riders are responsible at all times for their own safety, Vehicle, insurance, tax, MOT, and clothing. Riders must comply with all road traffic laws, speed limits and road signs. The organisers can accept no responsibility for any damage, loss or injury to those taking part in this event.

Wednesday 30th January 2008 —Club Night at The Black Lion—Meet and Greet Committee

Sunday 24th February 2008 —Pursuit Day—New Observer Selection

Wednesday 27th February 2008 —Club Night at The Black Lion—Martin Thraves from Ultimate Parts
(Leathers and Bike Spares)

More next month



2008 SHOW TICKETS NOW ON SALE...

BMF SHOW- 17th & 18th May 2008 9am-5pm,
East of England Showground, Peterborough

As the largest outdoor motorcycle events in Europe the BMF Show has now been running for 25 years and 2008 will certainly be the shape of things to come. Every aspect of the show has been put under the spotlight and will be improved to increase attendance and support to secure future campaigning for the BMF. With new sponsors, Bike Animal, the entertainment is set to blow past events out of the water. Headline on the 'Bike Animal Stage' on Saturday evening will be 'The Damned', complete with lead singer and fellow bike lover Dave Vanian and of course Captain Sensible. There is also have first time BMF'ers 'Limehouse Lizzy', 'Sisters of Murphy' plus old favourites 'Hooker' and 'Inoffensive' creating a magical weekend for those who are camping. With the newly built exhibition hall completed we have an excellent location for the 'Bike Animal Stage' creating a fantastic indoor venue for our weekend visitors and campers.

NAM SUPPORT THE NOTTS AND Lincs AIR AMBULANCE.



This year I thought it would be a good idea to make use of our social gatherings to support a chosen charity and, having discussed it with the Committee, we are in agreement that my suggestion of The Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance would certainly be a worthwhile cause, which is why you will be seeing this logo on the web sites and in the magazine as well as on any event information material.

The best way to do this is by raising money through our events and it is with that in mind that the committee will be asking for a **voluntary** contribution of £1 per adult on all events this year and I will also be organising a raffle for club nights.

The idea is to invite the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance to our AGM in November so we can hand them a cheque for whatever amount we have managed to raise during the year.

It is by no means compulsory and totally up to yourselves whether or not you wish to support this fund raising campaign.

Nick Ireland (Events Organiser)

Membership Renewals:

Full Members (those who have passed their Advanced Test)

Your Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclist Group (NAM) renewal is due by 31st March 2008.

Your Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) membership is renewed separately and is usually on the anniversary of the date you passed your Advanced Test.

If you joined the IAM as an 'Associate' of the IAM after 1st April 2007 then your IAM membership is renewed on the anniversary of the date you joined as an 'Associate' of the IAM.

To stay a member of NAM you need to renew both memberships.

Associates (those who have not yet passed their Advanced Test)

If you joined NAM before the end of July 2007 - Your NAM renewal is due by 31st March 2008

If you joined NAM after the 31st July 2007 your NAM membership will be up for renewal at the end of March 2009.

If you joined the IAM before 1st April 2007 - Your IAM membership will officially start from the date you pass your test and run for one year.

If you joined as an Associate of the IAM after 1st April 2007 then your IAM Associate Membership will be due one year from the date you joined the IAM

Your IAM membership is separate to your NAM membership and is paid directly to the IAM, usually by direct debit.

As an associate you will still need to complete the form to update your details.

Newsletter

If no membership renewal is received by 1st week in April then the last newsletter you will receive will be in March.

General

To renew your NAM membership please fill in the renewal form and return it to me at the address shown, or give it to me at a group night. We need this form completed every year so that we have your current details to hand, just in case.

No membership fee will be accepted without a completed form.

If you are having difficulty with your IAM number - please leave it blank - I will do my best to find it. Your NAM number is issued when you first join NAM. Membership cards are no longer issued unless requested.

If anyone has any questions regarding their membership please contact me on 0115 9375994 or ron.maslin@btinternet.com

Ron Maslin, NAM Secretary, 79 Fairway, Keyworth, Nottinghamshire. NG12 5DW

Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists - Membership Renewal Form**

****This form MUST be completed and handed in with your membership fee. Renewals due 31st March**

Please be aware that you will need to be a fully paid up member of the IAM to stay a full member of the Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists. This means that if you wish to be a committee member, an observer or join us on group ride outs you will need to hold and renew both memberships.

Associates when you purchased your SFL package it included both membership fees. One years membership of the NAM effective immediately, renewed on the 1st April after a full 12 months membership, paid directly to us. The second, National IAM membership is effective for one year from the date you pass your test or if you joined after 1st April 2006 – on the date you joined the IAM - and is also renewed annually on that date. You pay this membership direct to London where you also have to declare any misdemeanours since the last renewal.

Group Member No:

*IAM No:

*IAM Expiry Date:

Personal details

*Title: _____ *First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____ *D.O.B _____

*Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

*Home Phone: _____ *Contact Number: _____

*Email: _____

*If you do not wish to receive the newsletter or correspondence from NAM by email please tick the box

* Required Information

Group / Riding details

Date Passed DSA Motorcycle test: _____

Bike make/model: _____

*Member status: **Full / Associate**

*Observer status: **Observer / Group Qualified / Senior**

Date passed IAM Advanced Test: _____ Date passed Observer Test: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to: Ron Maslin – NAM Secretary, 79 Fairway, Keyworth, Nottinghamshire NG12 5DW

*Required Information

MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE NO LONGER ISSUED, UNLESS REQUESTED. YOUR NAM NUMBER IS ISSUED TO YOU WHEN YOU JOIN NAM

DATA PROTECTION ACT: As a member of the Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists, the personal information given on this form will be held in confidence on a computer file for membership records and newsletter distribution purposes only. You are at liberty to examine these details by prior arrangement with the club secretary.

NAM group Gift Aid Claim 2008/2009

As a charity the NAM Group can reclaim tax on any donations and subscriptions as long as you pay income tax or capital gains tax. This means that if you pay tax at the basic rate the Group can claim an extra 22% of your subs from the Inland Revenue.

Can everyone paying a membership fee please complete the form as we need to update our details, and it does not cost you anything!

To help us claim this tax back for the Club, please fill in the form below and return it with your subs payment. Make cheques payable to the Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists and for the full amount. Any reimbursements due will be made separately.

Please return the completed forms to:

Ron Maslin (79 Fairway), Keyworth, Nottinghamshire. NG12 5DW

Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists

Registered Charity No. 1060035

Gift Aid Declaration

Details of Donor:

Title..... Forename(s).....Surname.....
 Address
Postcode.....

Declaration:

I want Nottingham Advanced Motorcycle Group to treat all donations I have made since 6 April 2000, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations. I confirm that I pay income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims.

Signed..... Date

Notes

a)	You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Treasurer of the Group.
b)	You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount of the reclaim on your donations in the tax year.
c)	If in the future, your circumstances change and you no longer pay income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the amount of the reclaim, you must notify the Treasurer of the Group.
d)	If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.

Minutes of Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclist AGM Held at the Black Lion Radcliffe upon Trent on 28th November 2007

Apologies: Ryan Walker, Phil Green, Tony Clarke, Malcolm Fisher

Minutes of last AGM, accuracy and matters arising: Minutes approved by John Annable and seconded by Dave Bryant, no matters arising

Reports:

Chairman; Thanked committee and membership for all their commitment over the last 12 months. Reflecting over the last year we have been able to reduce costs by sourcing a new clothing supplier, we have continued our links with CMC and they have offered to pay for our new observer tabards. We have used our money wisely in purchasing new equipment (radios) to replace those faulty items and we have also used our funds to produce a full range of information material to hand out to people at events or shows that let them know about us and the IAM. This year we have attended 2 marathons, several meetings at our local biking venue MFN, organised another successful recruitment event at HPP with support from the council we did 36 rides and 26 people signed up. We have had representation at both National Conferences and have been awarded the accolade of Best Motorcycle Newsletter for 2007, many thanks to Phil and Ron for their hard work.

We have trained 5 new group qualified observers and have had 21 people pass the advanced test.

Secretary; Nothing to report other than passing on thanks to all involved with the group.

Treasurer; Unable to attend but has produced account – see separate report

Associate Coordinator; please see separate report.

Publicity; Gave a presentation and put on a display of all the literature about the group which is available to all members to hand out to friends/colleagues or to display at work or bike shops.

Clothing; gave another push on group clothing and was also able to show examples of the different colours now available – not just black.

Election of New Committee;

One new application to join the committee this year; Tony Bell.

Ryan Walker is standing down and was thanked for all his hard work and commitment.

2008 committee stands as follows;

Chairman – Steve Laughton

Secretary (inc membership) – Ron Maslin

Treasurer (+ Clothing) – Mark Ellis

Associate Coordinator – Terry Towler

Assistant Associate Coordinator – Duncan Wallace

Newsletter – Phil

Publicity – Dave Bryant

General Committee Member – Tony Bell

Events Coordinator – Nick Ireland

Web Site – Andy Hampshire

Certificate Presentation; Geoff Cameron – On passing his advanced test, Dave Story – On becoming a Group Qualified Observer

Radcliffe Trophy; Nomination this year went to Ryan Walker, Andy Hampshire, John Annable, Steve Laughton, Terry Towler, Andy Beavis, Phil and Karl Telfer Banner. Award this year went to Phil.

A.O.B; Raffle to win paddock jacket supplied by Mike Gant was won by Garry Parkes, a total of £37 was raised for the Air ambulance.

There is a rumour that the Black Lion may have been sold, so we will keep everyone informed as and when we get further details.

IAM Group Insurance – Steve Laughton explained the reasons behind last weeks email suspending all group observed runs and all group rideouts. Since this email, Steve, Dave Bryant and John Annable have met with the IAM at the NEC Bike Show and handed them a letter containing our concerns and a copy of the emergency committee meetings minutes. We are still awaiting an official response in writing, but a call from the IAM earlier today (28th November) seems to suggest that this loop hole is being closed and we have been thanked for bringing this to the IAM's attention. On a related matter it looks like our 'Observer/Insurance notification letter' will be produced and included in the groups hand book for use by all observers nationwide. NAM committee has acknowledged its own failings in informing all observers about this letter and it will be incorporated in all observer information from now on.

Meeting closed 9.40pm Next AGM to be held on Wed 26th November 2008 at a venue to be confirmed.

Caption competition.....



- It reaches down to here, honest!
- This was the one that went down.
- The stoppie was that hard my tackle ended up here.
- "Oi, you, get a haircut....."
- Well to get on the bike, you have to grip here & pull upwards to lift you leg over.
- I find I can straighten up OK once the other one has dropped back into place!



"When I said duck I meant that one over there"

Thanks to.....

Colin Fox

Tony Bell

Jason Morgan

John Wheatcroft

Nick Ireland

George Strong

**THIS MONTH!!!!
CAPTIONS PLEASE...**



Last of the summer wine!!!

Biker 1: "Water's cold, innit?"

Biker 2: "An' it's deep"

Can anyone see which way my head went?

"When I was a lad....."

"I said if you annoyed the swans they'd have your head off!"

"told him before we set off, to take it steady and keep his head"

Health warning, Wearing braces can be hazardous to your body parts.

Bloody Hell, that fish took his head off!

News just in: Competition is hot for the 2008 NAM Back Stabbing Award with competitors already marking their intended victims with large X's

**The winner of an IAM shirt is
Colin Fox:-**

"When I said duck I meant that one over there"



Caberg Justissimo GT Flip front helmet White Size XL

Only worn twice
(Three times if you count trying it on in the shop!)

It is in as new condition and is still in the box with the bag.

Details can be found It cost £150 new but I will sell it for £90

Contact number is 07970 388618 Dave Bryant

Recent Test Passes

Congratulations &
Well Done etc etc



PLEASE PLEASE
Make sure
Terry and Ron
know when you pass
your test.



John Field (Nottinghamshire Fundraiser)

Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance

Email:- johnfield.airamb@btconnect.com

www.lnaact.org.uk



Lincs & Notts
Air Ambulance

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REALLY STUPID ADULTS**

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THE LAST RIDE OUT FOR 2007

By Nick Ireland



Geoff, Andy and myself.

It was the Sunday after Christmas when 18 bikes met at Saxondale Roundabout to do the trip down to Foxton Locks.

We were riding in three groups and for the first time I was actually tailing as I paired up with Dave Bryant leading the first group out consisting of Ron, Ken,

The temperature wasn't too bad considering we were at the end of December, although the roads were wet and a bit slippery, especially where they had had road works as the smooth bit of tar on the edges offered no grip at all and seemed to be exactly where you needed to be on the road! Having said that, there were also the hazards left by "Mr Farmer" as he travels too and from his fields, the worst of which was less than 5 minutes from the start.

As we turned off the A52 heading for Langer we came upon what seemed like half a field on the road left by Mr "F" and his tractor. The rest of the ride was fortunately uneventful, except for the occasional horse and the pedestrians who insisted walking side by side on the road and didn't think of stepping up on the verge even though they were right on the apex of a blind bend!

We arrived at Foxton Locks after just over an hour of riding and there were quite a few people strolling around as it really is a most pleasant place to stop off. We took ourselves up to the Lock Keeper's Cottage where we had pie, beans and a cup of tea for just over £3 after which we went back down the locks to find the other two groups in the pub.

On the way back we actually managed to loose Ken Jacklin on one of the Oakham ring road roundabouts even though he was in P3? The trouble was that the roundabout was fairly busy which meant that we couldn't get out in one go, or even in pairs.

Ken pulled out as couple of other bikes came around and it wasn't 'till a bit further on that we realised there were now only 5 of us? We pulled in and waited for a few minutes but he didn't turn up, so knowing he would make for the Start/Finish at Bingham we carried on, expecting to see him waiting for us at the end.

However, the funniest thing happened. We were perhaps the best part of 20 minutes into the ride again when we came to Waltham on the Wolds, where we had to cross over the A607 and part of our group had to wait to cross when, would you believe it, Ken came around the corner from the

Melton direction with his indicator flashing to turn onto the same road as us and slotted straight into his old position! What are the odds on that happening?

It turned out that when he got on the roundabout at Oakham behind the other two bikes, one of them was an older one and he was admiring how nicely it had been done up and just kept on following them as they turned off!

We were now getting towards the end of the ride when Dave questioned whether we should detour around the mud that was on the road on the way out and I, unfortunately as it turned out, said that the side of the road we would be on was clear on the way out so we carried on.

The thing I hadn't realised was that Mr "F" came out of a field on the opposite side of the road and that it was actually worse because the mud was so much deeper and the tracks were across the road rather than along it.

Dave was obviously the first and shouted a warning on the radio as to just how bad it was, so the rest of us took it really slow with both feet down. It turned out that the police were actually in the farm yard so no doubt something was about to get done to clean up the road. Apparently there were two cars crashed at the same spot earlier in the week, one of which wrote off a Ferrari.

We got to Saxondale roundabout without further incidents and were soon followed in by the second group which also came the same way, so Dave phoned Steve who was leading the 3rd group to advise him to make a detour, which he did.

Anyway, I always say that you can guarantee a laugh when you come on one of our rides and this one was certainly no exception and I'm sure the other two groups will have similar stories to tell.....Or is it just me?



Photos & Jokes (OVER 18's ONLY!!!!)

MORE CRAZY PHOTOS AND JOKES.....AS ALWAYS, THE EDITOR AND COMMITTEE DO NOT INTEND TO CAUSE ANY OFFENCE BY ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OR JOKES.....



Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours?

Are there specially reserved parking spaces for "normal" people at the Special Olympics?

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Did you ever stop and wonder....

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these pink dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"

Who was the first person to say, "See that chicken there... I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta it's bum."

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bum when they ask where the bathroom is?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Stop singing it.....please!!!!

WANTED MORE OBSERVERS

Have you ever wanted to be an Observer ?

Have you ever looked at your observer and thought "I could do that" or "I would like to do that".

Now is your big chance. We are holding a pursuit riding day in order to pick some lucky people to become trainee observers.

When?: Sunday 24th February 24th 2008

Where?: The White Post Pub opposite White Post Farm on the A614.

Who?: Anybody with a desire to become an observer with the provisos that they are:-

- a) A paid up member of the IAM
- b) A paid up member of the NAM
- c) A full member (i.e. Not an associate)
- d) Have notified me of their availability
- e) will make themselves available for the following 7 weekends (due to time constraints this is essential)
- f) have 6 or less penalty points.

What's involved?: The day will consist of a short introductory briefing followed by a ride of about 10/15 miles through the countryside with you following a Group Qualified observer and having a Senior Observer behind watching your riding skills. A debrief and quick question and answer session about the 5 point system of advanced riding will then be followed by you giving a demonstration ride along the reverse of the previous route.

All riding is to be carried out at the speed limit where safe to do so. A short debrief will then finish the day. There will be 2 courses being run starting at 0900hrs and 1130hrs.

It should be stressed that we are looking mainly at your riding and communication skills at this time, we are not expecting you to know how to be an observer from the word go.

However, it is well worth your while to refresh your understanding of the Highway code and 5 point system of motorcycle control (IPSGA).

The lucky people that are chosen will then start an intensive 4 or 5 session course with a Senior and a Group Qualified observer per 2 trainee observers learning all the theory and a large amount of the practical side of becoming an observer.

After all that, a couple of runs out with real associates (and their Observer), then up for qualification with a Senior Observer (probably me).

For those people who are not chosen at this time, this does not by any means suggest you are not good enough or are not wanted. A further course will be held next year where we will hopefully be able to take more trainees on.

Could all interested people (including those who have already given me their names) notify me of their interest and availability on j.annable@ntlworld.com or 07973 815771 by the 15th February 2008.

John Annable

Chief Observer—Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists

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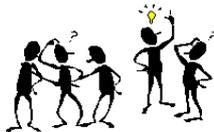
If in doubt—check the Yahoo site.....

Training Status	Surname	First Name	Observer	No of Runs
BEING TRAINED	Mirfin	Trevor	Steve Laughton	
BEING TRAINED	Harris	Ian	Dave Bryant	4
BEING TRAINED	Simpkin	Ashley	SMF & PP	
BEING TRAINED	Chambers	Craig	Phil Meynell	4
BEING TRAINED	Simpkin	Debbie	SMF & PP	
BEING TRAINED - 2008	Turton	Roger	Nick Ireland	1
BEING TRAINED - 2008	Fisher	Malcolm	Ron Maslin	5
BEING TRAINED - 2008	Willot	Steve	Mike Gant	3
FINAL REQUIRED - 2008	MacCleod	James	George Harrison/JR	5
FINAL REQUIRED - Paul Hunnisset - No response	Pound	Des	BC - Dave Storey	5
INITIAL REQUIRED - 2008	Pykett	Tim		
TEST READY	Patrick	Robert	George Harrison/ KP	5
TEST READY	Dagley	Ian	BC Duncan Wallace SMF A	
TEST READY	Biggs	David	Shanus M-F	5
TEST READY	Wright	David	BC * Keith Priest	5
TEST READY	Heaps	Amy	John Ritchie	4
TEST READY	Patrick	John	Jason Morgan	5
TEST READY	Brindley	Chris	BC - Andy Parkin	5
TEST READY - EMAIL SEEN	Milne	Paul	BC	5
TEST READY - EMAIL SEEN	Kabut	John	BC * Keith Priest	5
TEST READY - EMAIL SEEN	Myers	Max	BC - Keith Pickering	5
TEST READY - EMAIL SEEN	Harrison	Ian	BC - Paul Phillips	5A
TEST READY - EMAIL SEEN - TEST BOOKED	Common	Chris	BC	5
TEST READY - EMAIL SEEN - WAITING	Martin	Richard	BC Andy Parkin D Bryant	5
WAITING ASSOCIATE	Dagley	Caroline	BC *	3
WAITING ASSOCIATE	Dixon	Mike	BC	0
WAITING ASSOCIATE	Stark	Adam		
WAITING ASSOCIATE	Perry	Dave	BC	1
WAITING ASSOCIATE	Goodwin	Ian	BC - Nick Ireland PW	2
WAITING ASSOCIATE - KNOWN REASON	Adams	Chris		



Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Committee 2007-2008



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GROUP NIGHTS

When: Last Wednesday of the month,

Time: 8:00pm.

**Where: Black Lion Pub,
Main Rd, Radcliffe on Trent,
Nottinghamshire.**

Postcode:

NG12 2FD

GROUP NIGHTS—The only month we do not meet is December, and our AGM is held in November.

These nights are for meeting new/old members, prospective members and friends alike, We usually have guest speakers (when available) and we hear what is happening the group. There's time for a general chit chat and we also use the evenings for informal question and answers, as every now and then someone has a burning question or two that may not have a straight forward answer, so we pool our collective minds together and sometimes have a good old fashioned debate.

The group nights are open to everyone, so please do come along and if you have friends or colleagues who are interested bring them along too!

Newsletters: This and previous newsletters can be viewed and downloaded from our web site www.nottsam.org.uk - just follow the link for "Magazines".

Any articles for inclusion in future editions of 'Write Lines' can be sent to me either by email to newslettereditor@nottsam.org.uk

Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Clothing

We offer a range of high quality clothing embroidered with our group logo.

*As the club is a Registered Charity all clothing will be for sale at **COST PRICE.***



HOW TO GET YOUR CLOTHING

There is an Order Form on the Yahoo site. (Don't forget the colour, size and quantity)

Please bring your completed order form and payment to the next group night and contact Mark Ellis.

Alternatively please e-mail your completed order form to...

nam.clothing@ntlworld.com

The clothing comes various colours with the attractive NAM logo on the chest (pictured) and various items are available in sizes that range from XS to 5XL. (PRICES AT REAR)

For product range and prices please look at the NAM shop on the Yahoo group site. If there is something different you want that isn't on the price list please contact me and I will get you a price.

Your clothing will be available for collection as soon as possible

Urgent orders can be handled but additional charges may be necessary to cover our suppliers' extra costs – price on application.

Please make cheques payable to "Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists."

NAM CLOTHING PRICE LIST

GARMENT	CODE	PRICE	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	COLOUR
Beanie	B44	£7	ONE SIZE									Black or White
Bum Bag	QD12	£9	ONE SIZE									Black
Cap	B171	£7	ONE SIZE									Black
Fleece (Body warmer)	TRA700	£16	N/A	38	40	42	44	47	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Fleece (½ Zip)	62-512-0	£18	N/A	38	40	42-44	46-48	50	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Fleece (Ladies ½ Zip)	62-558-0	£16	34	36	38	40	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Fleece (Light Jacket)	62-608-0	£19	N/A	38	40	42-44	46-48	50	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Polo	HF50	£16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54-56	58-60	Black or White
Polo	63-402-0	£7	N/A	36	38	40	42-44	46-48	50-52	N/A	N/A	Black or White
Polo (Ladies)	63-560-0	£13	30	32	34	36	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
Polo (Long Sleeve)	63-306-0	£11	N/A	36	38	40	42-44	46-48	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
Rugby (Long Sleeve)	FR01	£13	N/A	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45	46-48	50	N/A	N/A	Black
Rugby (Short Sleeve)	FR03	£23	N/A	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45	46-48	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat	62-202-0	£22	N/A	36	38	40-42	44-46	48	50-52	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat	KK202	£16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54-56	N/A	Black
Sweat (Ladies)	62-004-0	£16	30	32	34	36	38	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat (Open Hem)	62-214-0	£16	N/A	36	38	40-42	44-46	48	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat (Zip Neck)	62-032-0	£16	N/A	36	38	40-42	44-46	48	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
Sweat Jacket (Ladies)	62-002-0	£16	30	32	34	36	38	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black
T-Shirt	KK500	£11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54-56	58-60	Black or White
T-Shirt	61-208-0	£7	N/A	36	38	40	42-44	46	50-52	N/A	N/A	Black or White
T-Shirt (Ladies L/ Sleeve)	61-022-0	£11	30	32	34	36	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
T-Shirt (Ladies V Neck)	61-054-0	£10	30	32	34	36	38	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
T-Shirt (Long Sleeve)	61-042-0	£7	N/A	36	38	40	42-44	46	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black or White
Wallet	QD06	£3	N/A									Black
Waterproof Jacket	R126	£23	N/A	37	41	44	48	52	56	N/A	N/A	Black
Ladies Jacket	R80F	£21	34 8	36 10	38 12	40 14	42 16	44 18				Various
Ladies Hooded Fleece	62-924-0	£17	30	32	34	36	38	40				Various

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