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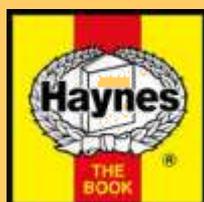
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THE EDITORS BIT



Hello everyone and a particularly warm greeting to our new members. Have fun and enjoy (Anyone want to write a newsletter next year? - I'm taking redundancy!!)

I've had another new tyre fitted from Steve at SPS—great bloke who comes to the house and talks a lot! I had one fitted a few weeks ago and ran it in nicely then trotted off to France (see separate article) I then picked a nail up in Cherbourg I think it was and so another new tyre again this month that now needs bedding in.

Following just over a week off I am back at work and its as if I have never been away. Really busy time as others are on leave... So very little time for anything really!!

What HAS the weather been like? Bloody

awful isn't it. The good days, for one reason or another, I have had to use the car, then the days I could use the bike it is awful!! Hey ho that's the great British weather for you.

Life is so damn busy - running around (well not actually running as that would be ridiculous but driving or riding) We should all adopt the French way of life and slow down a bit.

I missed this months committee meeting as I was late leaving work which was a shame as it looked from the agenda to be a good long one. Not had an update so I'll have to wait for the minutes.

Now then you newbies this is how it works—you have to by law send one article a month to me the editor of the newsletter OR I will pray that the fleas of a thousand camels infest your leathers.

All contributions greatly received—come on don't be shy. Absolutely anything is considered—I really am not that fussy!!! No one reads its anyway!

Stay safe (and dry....)

Shrek

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THE CHAIRMANS BIT...



Hello again,
As we move closer towards the summer biking season things are warming up, the weather is starting to get a little **more predictable, and it isn't getting dark until around 9pm.** So we can get some observing done in the evenings, and Nick can start to organise his chip runs again. May I take this opportunity to welcome all our new members to their first issue of our monthly magazine? If you enjoy reading it please feel free to contribute to future editions. **Phil will be pleased with the extra help. (...and very bloody surprised...Ed)**

So what have we been up to since the last magazine? **I've done my fifth initial assessment of the year, and we didn't get wet again!**

We have held our annual HPP event, and once again it was very successful, re written the observer qualification sheet, making it a little more challenging but lots more fair to complete. We have also had an interesting presentation by one of our members, John Measures of Barratts Solicitors giving us a talk on the importance of gathering witness statements if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of having a spill. John stepped in to fill the empty slot left by Inspector Ben Crane, who was called away on a work commitment.

Presentation of certificate to Angela Laughton

Nick asked me if Angela was coming to the last group night. I said that she **was but she would be late leaving work, I asked him 'Why?'. He said that he had produced a certificate congratulating Angela on collecting £360.07 all on her own at the Easter Egg run. We delayed the start of the night's proceedings until she arrived.**

Once she did we made a start and Nick managed to embarrass her by getting her on her feet at the front of the group to receive her certificate.

I would like to say "What a fantastic performance in just a couple of hours" at the egg run.

That was half the amount we collected in the whole of last year.

Well done Angela you're a star. (.you creep...Ed)



HPP event

The day's events started at 8am when most of the committee met at the National Water Sports Centre, to start setting up the new feather flags and gazebos for our guests to use on the day.

Both Dave Bryant and I went down in a car and a van, my van to carry all the equipment we needed during the day, **and then Dave's car, to run us back home to collect our bikes to return to start with our first customers by 10.40am.**

Dave said that we needed to be gone by 9.30am, to give us enough time to get home, changed, and fuelled up. And then back in time to start. So with an hour and a half from 8am we had loads of time.

As normal I threw myself into work and engaged myself in the organising of most of the things going on, and in the back ground I was aware that every now and then that Dave would pop over to give me a time check as he knows how I get distracted and can lose track of time.

"Come on its 9.30" he said "we need to go NOW!"

"Ok I'm ready" I replied, and I gave my van keys to Angela in case someone needed something out of it, and we went to Dave's car.

Then I realised that I hadn't got any house keys to get in, so I got out and ran back upstairs to the room where Angela was to get my van keys off her to be able to get in to get my house keys. Not having enough time to return the van keys to Angela, I jumped back in Dave's car and we came home.

Upon arriving at home, Dave slowed just enough to enable me to bail out before spinning around and driving off. I ran up the drive to the front door to see Angela's keys on the inside! That's not good I thought. Even though to know you can't put a key into the lock with one already in on the other side, I still tried. Ok so how was I going to get in? I thought, since we built the extension several years ago, security is very high, so a forced entry was just stupid. And I could not get someone to bring my garage door remote control in the van to me, as I have the keys in my pocket! I can't ask Dave to pick me up on his way back into town, as I don't have any biking gear.

Things were looking bad, then I remembered seeing a metal building stake holding up a bush in the garden, I wonder if I can hook the keys from the lock with that? NO. So I started tapping the side of the key until it turned the lock and I was in.

All this took just 10mins, and I didn't attract any attention, and I didn't know what I was doing. Lesson to be learned; don't leave any keys inside in the lock as they could be used to unlock the door from the outside by an unwanted visitor.

So now I was in I started rushing around to get change and back to HPP to meet my first punter, and guess what? I passed him on the way in looking for the venue. How lucky was that?

I though the event went very well, we looked professional and well organised. Almost every one turned up on time, and we had a good response to our services. We had several visitors from the council, other IAM groups, and head office to see what we were doing, and they were all quite impressed and wished us well. This was our 4th year of doing this and we look like we have got this finely tuned now.

As the ownership of the venue have changed now to the council, we will have to see if we are able to use the venue again next year as alterations are planned to make the facilities better. We will let you know nearer the time.

Round up

Well that's all for now.

Once again I look forward to chatting to you all soon. Don't forget to come and say hello at group nights. And if there is anything I can help with please ask, and I will see what I can do.

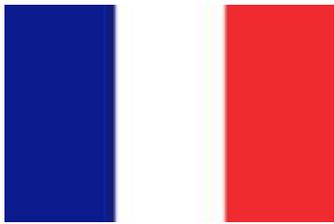
And to all the existing members, if there is any one you don't recognise at group nights please go over and have a chat with them as it may be their first night and they may like a friendly face to welcome them in.

Steve Laughton



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FRANCE 2009

Booked it Packed it F.....off

So there I was on a wonderful sunny Sunday panniers packed Top Box and tank bag full on my 10 year old bike!!! I rode to my mates house about 1/2 mile away. He's considerably richer than me with his almost new BMW RT1200 with matching everything BMW....New Boots £400+ jacket BMW underwear—I kid you not!!! With his panniers packed Top Box and tank bag full and his seat off and battery flat!!!

So after much messing about we set off ...did the scenic rout to Portsmouth via Melton and all the wonderful roads down there stopping only for a Big Mac Meal Super sized of course!

Arrived Portsmouth at the Travel Lodge for an overnight stay—worst hotel I've ever been in and believe me I've stopped in some dumps!

After freshening up S, S and no Shave!!

Anyway from there we walked into Portsmouth City Centre to find somewhere to eat—you will soon see a trend that this trip revolves round food!!!



The route took us through an area that looked liked Beirut we found an Indian Restaurant. The Star of India—very very nice so with full bellys—quite an achievement as my mate is taller, wider and generally bigger than me! We then walked back to the hotel and the alarm was set for 6am to be ready and at the Sea Cat

for 7am sailing at 8am.

We were up and out by 7am and the ride to the Sea Cat was 3 minutes....!

Once on board and the bikes secured we went to get the Full English fry up!! It was Croissants and funny stuff....with dodgy coffee .

We set off at 7.45am and settled in for the three hour crossing. We only saw one other biker on the ferry who had an Aprillia and lived in France...got made redundant and fell out with a woman so bought a house in France now lives off his redundancy and does odd jobs for the British who now live in France....What a life eh?

As we neared Cherbourg the rain started and it rained and rained and rained!! We left the Port thinking it was 11am and after passport control which incidentally was quite bizarre as you ride up to them say Bonjour show them your passport and they look at the picture then look at you—with your helmet on nod and you ride off. The Sat Nav was set to the Hotel in Bayeux a



Campanile one—part of a chain similar to Travel Lodge but it turned out to be far far better. Anyway it rained and rained all the way there so it was head down throttle open and we just went for it non stop to Bayeux the Sat Nav was brilliant and took us straight to the Hotel.

My mate kept it quiet and was actually fluent in French—£4.99 I wasted on a French Phrase Book!

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The first couple of days were spent looking at the WWII beaches. Utah and the Omaha Museum & Cemetery were particularly good.

We then moved onwards south (ish) to Dinan for a night before setting off to Moelan sur Mer in Brittany. We met up with some friends of my mate and were wined and dined (his penpal who he has known from school) We met at her parents house and what a welcome..... And what a house—let me set the scene. From the back Garden walk through a gate down some steps onto the beach!!!



Two days of being fed and watered there and eating far far too much we set off back to Dinan stopped in a different hotel.

The town is beautiful and we drank again oh and ate again—The food is absolutely fabulous wherever you go. As an example for ten euros we got a starter, main course and dessert including a drink. The main course was a Beef Bourguignon and was to die for. (And I am actually fussy about the quality and quantity of food)

Anyway moving on we had parked in an underground car park which is under the town.

Firstly we couldn't get in as the bikes weren't heavy enough to get the barrier raised. Secondly when we left there was a little incident which I may mention if asked and bribed. Anyway we moved onwards and upwards to St Mere Eglise (the Setting of the film "The Longest Day") where the Parachutist is hanging off the Church Roof—again another museum another American one. They must have invested



so much money into the museums as they are really very impressive.

Anyway we then moved on towards Cherbourg ready for the seacat crossing again.

A very enjoyable holiday that I would recommend (and not just for the food and wine).

We avoided most of the main dual carriageway and motorway roads choosing the twisty bits.

In France there seem to be fewer cars and they are all biker friendly! The people are great and very hospitable.

And when I got home Fiona was still there (can you believe it?) and the painting was done.

Roll on 2010!!!

Shrek



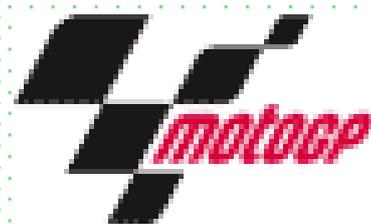
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The Non NAM Events Calendar

May

- 31st—BSB Thurston, Hampshire
- 31st—Motto Cross GP(MX GP) Mallory Park, Leicester
- 31st—12th June TT2009, Isle of Man



June

- 14th—Moog Catalonia, Spain
- 20th-21st BMF South West Bike Show Bath & West Showground, Shelton Mallett
- 21st—WSB Misano, San Marino, Italy
- 21st—BSB Snetterton, Norfolk
- 27th—Moog Assen, Holland
- 28th—WSB Donnington, Derbyshire



July

- 5th Moog Laguna Seca, US
- 5th BSB Knockhill
- 19th BSB Mallory Park
- 19th WSB Brno, Czech Republic
- 19th Moog Sachsenring, Germany
- 26th Moog Donnington



August

- 2nd WSB Brands Hatch
- 9th BSB Brands Hatch
- 16th Moog Brands Hatch
- 30th Moog Indianapolis
- 31st BSB Cadwell Park



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EVENTS 2009



Events and Associate Co-Coordinator By Nick "Two Heads" Ireland

it's good to get out on your bike and even better if you can do it with likeminded people but just as importantly, people you can trust.

If you're an associate and haven't been on a NAM ride out because you are wondering whether your riding is up to it then worry not.....We've all been there and know what it's like, which is why we run up to two Associate Groups on our ride outs which are specifically for those who are just starting to grasp how the Advanced System works.

Check out the rides below and email me as soon as they are advertised. Unfortunately we sometimes have to limit numbers because depending on how many lead and tail we can get will determine the groups we can run.

Get to the Group Night at The Black Lion on the last Wednesday of each month where we usually have an interesting speaker to chat to us for an hour or so. It's also a good opportunity if you want to have a chin-wag with other victims, woops, I meant associates, to compare notes. Feel free to put forward any suggestions you may have in mind for a ride out as we are always willing to listen

JUNE	
Sat 13th	BLOCK COURSE TRAINING - - - 09.30 in Arnold Park car park (see Yahoo site for map)
Mon 15th	CHIP RUN - - - To Matlock
Wed 24th	Group Night 8.00pm Black Lion Radcliffe on Trent - - Guest speaker Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance
Sat 27th	BLOCK COURSE TRAINING - - - 09.30 in Arnold Park car park (see Yahoo site for map)
JULY	
Mon 6th	CHIP RUN - - - To Ollerton
Sat 11th	BLOCK COURSE TRAINING - - - 09.30 in Arnold Park car park (see Yahoo site for map)
Sat 25th	BLOCK COURSE TRAINING - - - 09.30 in Arnold Park car park (see Yahoo site for map)
Wed 29th	Group Night 8.00pm Black Lion Radcliffe on Trent - - Nottingham Police on Operation Retina



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IAM backs move to crack down on uninsured drivers

The UK's estimated two million uninsured drivers face an instant fine should the latest Government proposals go ahead. The IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) has backed the move, claiming it will protect the vast majority of law abiding motorists - as long as databases are reliable.

Under new proposals from the Department for Transport, using the 2006 Road Safety Act, vehicles and motorists will have to be continuously insured, whether the vehicle is kept and used on a road or not. The DVLA will send reminder letters to motorists whose insurance is soon to expire. If they ignore this letter and don't renew their motor insurance, they will be issued with an automatic fine.

IAM chief examiner, Peter Rodger, said: "The proposal will help reduce the numbers of people who had genuinely forgotten their insurance was up for renewal. However, those who deliberately flout the law are unlikely to be phased by the new proposals as they will continue to find ways to work the system.

"It's worth remembering that a crash involving an uninsured driver is particularly fraught. A worst case scenario is when the uninsured driver will be in an unregistered vehicle, untaxed and without a current MOT – there are a host of road safety issues when some drivers choose to simply drop below the radar.

"These illegal motorists not only represent a threat to other road users, but also place a financial burden on the remaining 94 per cent of law abiding motorists."

The proposal entirely depends on the accuracy of both the DVLA keeper records and the Motor Insurance Database (MID). The IAM is concerned about their reliability.

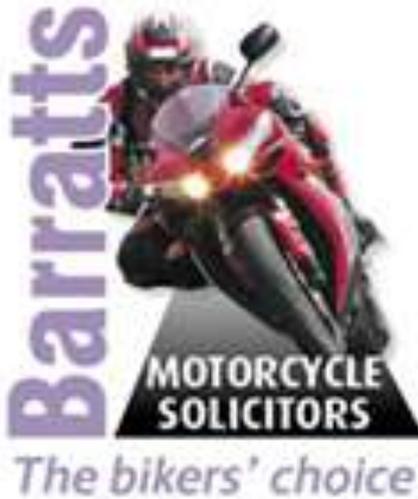
Mr Rodger added: "There are regular instances where the MID has provided inaccurate information to police enforcement units, leading to mistaken action against drivers and vehicles which are in fact insured. It would be unfair for a motorist to receive a fine if the database is incorrect. We also recommend that a check against the Police National Computer is carried out, so the victim of a crime, such as theft, does not have to prove to the police that they already hold a report."

The IAM would like assurances from the DVLA that these accuracy problems will be addressed before placing

unnecessary concern onto law abiding motorists. Enforcement measures such as Automatic Number Plate

Recognition (ANPR) and road traffic policing are crucial for any new scheme to be effective.

Caption Competition



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or advice regarding a personal
injury claim, then call*

*John Measures
0800 021 3065 or 0115 931 5171
(NAM Member)*



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NAM COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 2009

Minutes of NAM Committee Meeting Monday 2nd March 2009 Held at Black Lion, Radcliffe upon Trent

Apologises:

None – Full house!

Minutes of last meeting:

Approved, no matters arising

Reports:

Steve: Operation Retina went well at the weekend, next one planned for 28/29th March at Saxondale roundabout 10am till 4pm. Alex Steadman was there from Trent University and he was getting bikers to answer questions about biker attitudes and he will hopefully be at our HPP event to do some of the same. We have also had an email from Dave Shenton saying that he will try and attend our HPP event too.

Andy: Thanked Gary for taking the minutes at the last meeting. Nothing to report from Head Office.

Mark: We have a grand total of £5032.06 with £1606.06 in the cheque account, £3164.95 in the building society and **£181.05 in cash. This year's gift aid claim will be for £296.94 and it should go thro okay.**

Due to the complications in accessing the building society account it has been decided to move the majority of the money to the cheque account until such time that this type of banking becomes easier and beneficial to the group.

Andy has been asked to order 80 copies of the Highway Code and 30 copies of Roadcraft at a cost of £559.70

Nick (1): Associate status – 2 x finals required, 10 on hold, 6 on 1 to 1 and 12 are test ready. Out of these associates **8 of them are currently 'active'**

Nick (2): We have 23 bikes booked for this weeks ride out, with hopefully many more turning up for the Air Ambulance cheque presentation. **Alex Steadman (mentioned earlier) will be our speaker at this month's group night.**

Gary: As yet nothing firm to report

John: A very good observers meeting thanked *Dave & Steve* for their presentation which got everyone 'talking'. Pursuit riding day planned for this weekend 7th March with so far 4-5 riders in attendance.

Phil: - See below

Craig: New clothing supplier has just moved premises; *Craig* should have new catalogues ready for next group night, where he intends to display a more colourful selection of clothing items

Tony: See AOB

Duncan: **Mentioned that we could use the display unit at Steve's house as a backdrop to display clothing, Steve to liaise with Craig.**

Duncan also suggested that we all use our NAM email addresses for privacy, *Andy* will let everyone know how to achieve this and also give details of NAM email accounts.

Newsletter Printing:

Phil is no longer able to print copies of the newsletter and has asked for help. As we only have 8 current members who are not on email *Nick* has kindly offered to photocopy the official notices in the newsletter and mail it each month to those members.

HPP:

Organisation is well underway and below is an update of what has been going on.

We can take up to 48 bookings this year.

Advertising – EBay, Intranet, NAM website, Tear offs in local bike shops, Leaflets in bike shops plus we are attending the 2 MFN nights before HPP and also the Egg run where leaflets will be handed out and bookings taken. *Nick* is to supply *Steve* with booking form and confirmation letters.

Signs are sorted and will be posted from the main roundabout; *Nick* has produced an excellent map to be sent with every booking.

Front of house team has been organised with *Angela* running as team leader, we have 7/8 others who have volunteered and 17 observers available on the day.

We are expecting a visit from the Notts Council and Notts Police during the day, and we hope to have Alex Steadman from the Trent University and also Bike claims expert John Measures with stands too.

Feather Flags:

We have decided upon 4 logo's – NAM, IAM, Think Bike and Nottingham Motorcycle Forum to be used on a 2 sided flag, with our web site, email and telephone number down one side. *Gary* in conjunction with *Duncan* is going to produce 2 versions which will go to vote, once decided *Andy* will contact supplier for prices/delivery and to order.

A.O.B:

Tony: Operation Retina also includes the Police talking to Scooter riders and even though we can have a talk to them due to the lower capacity of most Scooters we cannot help them and have nothing to pass on to / give them. *Phil* has said that he can access information from the Police that is directly aimed at Scooter riders and will make sure that we have the information/handouts for the next Retina Operation.

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th April at Black Lion, Radcliffe upon Trent

RECENT TEST PASSES

Congratulations to.....

Ben Deverill

Paul Boss

Daniel Mace

Glen Blain

&

Nick Ireland (two heads) passed his seniors test.

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I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency)

This is quite old news but certainly worth a reminder.....

East Anglian Ambulance Service have launched a national "In case of Emergency (ICE)" campaign with the support of Falklands war hero Simon Weston and in association with Vodafone's annual life savers award. The idea is that you store the word " I C E " in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number or name of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency". In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please do. For more than one contact name ICE1,ICE2, ICE3 etc

Origins: One of the difficulties long faced by emergency services personnel's how to locate next of kin for (or obtain other necessary information about) a victim who is unconscious, dead, or otherwise unable to respond to questions. Even if the victim is carrying one or more forms of identification which have remained with him (such as a driver's license), those items don't necessarily provide information about where and how relatives or other interested parties can be reached, resulting in delays as officials try to track

Some drawbacks to the proposed scheme come to mind: The cell phone has to remain with the victim (or otherwise be identifiable as his) in order to be of use. While most wallets and purses will contain some items bearing photographs that can be matched to their owners (such as driver's licenses), a cell phone doesn't necessarily provide any direct means of identifying its owner. And while any form of ID can become separated from the person bearing it, a cell phone is an object frequently carried in hand, greatly increasing the chances of its loss in an accident.

A mobile phone can be damaged to the point that information stored in (or through) it is no longer retrievable.

This is also true of other forms of identification (a piece of paper or a card can be rendered unreadable by fire or water damage), but non-electronic devices will generally survive falls or impacts that might otherwise render cell phones non-functional. Cell phones come in many different brands and varieties, and how to retrieve stored information may not be immediately apparent to someone trying to work with an unfamiliar type of phone.

As well, many cell phone users secure their phones with PINs to prevent unauthorized use, a factor which could conceivably block any attempts by emergency personnel to retrieve information from them. There are some other ancillary points about this scheme we should make as well:

ICE entries are more likely to be of use to hospital personnel than paramedics; the latter don't generally have the time or the need to go searching for that type of information.

Although the ICE address book entry scheme has come to public attention through the efforts of persons in England, it need not be restricted to that locale. The plan requires no geographically-bound system or infrastructure to be in place; it will work wherever people adopt and publicize the practice. As the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) has noted, ICE entries in cell phone address books should be used in addition to (not in place of) more standard forms of identification:

We tell people: Add ICE to your mobile phone only after you've affixed similar information to (or near) the official photo identification you routinely carry in your wallet. Why? With so many types and brands of wireless phones, it can take precious minutes to learn how to access a phone's directory.

Many wireless devices are also found to be locked, damaged or have discharged batteries following an incident, rendering ICE unusable.

Please do encourage your interested friends and colleagues to make an ICE entry in their cell phone, especially if it will give them peace of mind

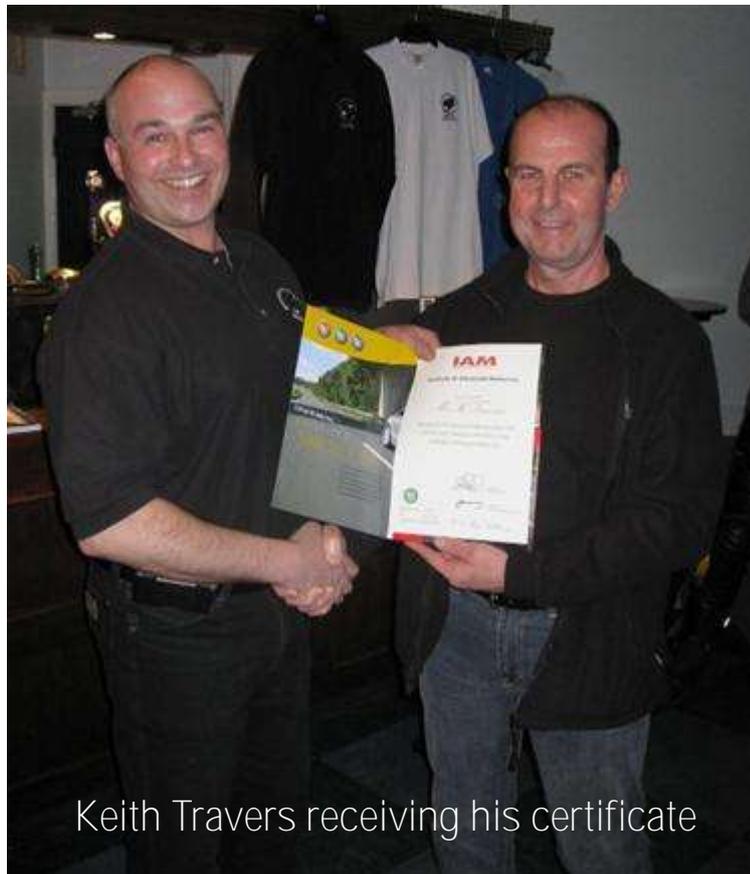
— but not at the expense of written emergency contact and medical information.

A Drivers license with a photo on and keep it with you in your wallet or purse. and a contact like the back of a passport. Could be an alternative

Thanks to Duncan Wallace for this article.

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Keith Travers receiving his certificate

Experienced motorcyclists needed for study

From Steve Laughton (Chairman NAM)

I have been asked to pass the email below to as many bikers as I can to help with their research. I went along and it was quite interesting. Having done several tests like this recently but this is the biggest.

You are seated in front of, and in between 3 LCD TV's, and they show a 3 dimensional view of a road ahead and to the side, even rear view and door mirrors. they have 4 cameras to record your head and eye movement whilst watching the film.

They need bikers who drive cars to carry out the test. I cant say much more or they will send a hit man after me!! they especially need lady bikers to see how they compare to male riders, so come on girls have a go, and show us blokes how to do it!

“The Accident Research Unit is looking for experienced motorcyclists to take part in an eye tracking study. Participants will be asked to watch videos filmed from a driver's perspective and make judgments about certain driving situations whilst their eye movements are being recorded.

You need to have over 7 years of (active) motorcycle riding experience and normal or corrected to normal vision (contact lenses only, no glasses). The study takes about 1 hour and there is an inconvenience allowance of £10 for your participation.”

If you are interested in taking part please send me an e-mail!

Editha

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SALE**

Ladies Size 6 (40) "IXS Lady" Motorcycle Boots



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Call Tony on 0775 112 4947

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It's just a bit of fun....Adults only....

The Swine Flew



TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America .

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

LENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Clyde , your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

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

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**Events and Associate
Co-Coordinator
By
Nick "Two Heads" Ireland**

Associate Training

The Block Course is due to start on Saturday 30th May and continues on a fortnightly basis through to the end of July.

We say a MINIMUM of 60 miles between runs but will expect to see a fair bit more from you if you are committed to passing your advanced.

You won't necessarily get the same observer each session, which in some ways can be beneficial because you will get a broader view of your riding and as the observers are all working to the same criteria your grading should be pretty much consistent.

I will email you the week leading up to each session so please get back to me with your availability (or not) so I can make sure you are paired with an observer.

Venue:

Arnold Park, below Gedling Borough Council buildings, on Nottingham Road, Arnold. A Map of the venue available on the Yahoo site so please let me know if you haven't got access and I will send you an invite.

Time:

09.30

Those on 1-2-1 will continue to do so unless of course they would like to experience the Block Course, in which case get in touch and I will sort it for you.

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David Townsend	On Hold
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Vicky McGuigan	one 2 one
Ian Gibson	one 2 one
Lee James	one 2 one
Mick Booth	one 2 one
John Gossage	one 2 one
Cathy Ritchie	one 2 one
Peter Greenwood	one 2 one
Charlie Stevens	one 2 one
Edward Stuart	one 2 one
Leon Gustard	one 2 one
Phil Crick	one 2 one
Marc Ford	one 2 one
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Ray Stuart	one 2 one
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Mick Coakley	Test Ready

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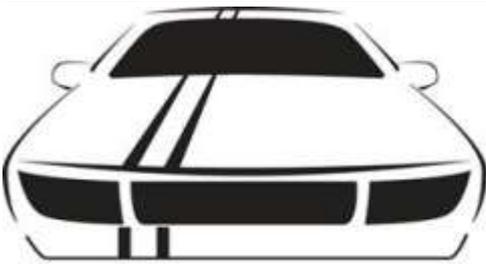
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This is a quote from Steve Laughton the Chairman of NAM.

“I had an interesting conversation the other weekend about not riding like the advanced rider when going for a play! I went to great trouble to explain that if the speed increases that everything else should continue to be done in the order of the 5 point system. After all this was invented by the police to get from A-B as safely and quickly as they can. We have to work within the speed limits but everything else is based on their methods. And if you’re speed increases then your observations need to be even sharper and more systematic than they are at 60mph.”

Remember this and how true it is.....

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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".



Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Clothing

NEW PRICES—SEE NEXT PAGE
SOME ITEMS CHEAPER!!!!!!

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

NAM clothing now available in any colour you like..... **Even pink!!!**

HOW TO GET YOUR CLOTHING

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