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October 2007

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ADVANTAGE**

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Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists win best Newsletter Award 2007

The award was presented at the IAM National Conference held on 6th October 2007 at the Wolverhampton Race Course. We have a wonderful trophy and a cheque for £250.

Andy Hampshire – NAM Club Secretary is pictured receiving the award on behalf of the group from Vince Yearley DCM (Divisional Council Member of the IAM).

There are approx 93 motorcycle groups in the UK. Some are sole bike whilst some are joint car and bike clubs. This is a major achievement and we are all very proud.

One of the judges complimented us by saying "I have to read them all and actually look forward to the Nottingham one"

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Chairman's bit

Once again and another month closer to winter. We now have the leaves falling all over the roads already, so watch out for those slippery bits

under the trees, and the light is failing around 6pm.

You may well ask "What have I been doing this last month?"

A couple more training runs and we have been to bonny Scotland for 10 days touring with the observers, and an observer ride out to Squires Cafe.

Scotland part 1

Why haven't we been here before?

WOW what roads, what scenery, and where are the other cars?

It all started when John Hodges (ex secretary for NAM) came to stay Thursday night on his way over to meet the main group on the Friday. It was really great to meet up with him again to talk about old times and to find out about John's new bike group

(www.ladam.org.uk) down on the boarders of Wales.

Whilst John was staying with us, he gave me a hand to load the bike and all my other stuff into my new van, as we were going on a bike tour in the van, with the bike in the back.



The van had just been chipped during Thursday, (101 bhp to 131 bhp) so I could keep up with the bikes of course! But this showed up an existing problem with my air flow meter. So at 9am I nipped out to the local Vauxhall garage to buy the required part (£144), and set off back home to try to get it fitted in time to go. I passed John on his way out of our estate to meet the others. But once home it only took me 40mins to get it replaced. So with fingers crossed I test drove it around to

find the hesitation had gone. YES success!

So with this repair completed I put the new "Touratech" Garmin bike mount onto the bike as this had also turned up whilst I was at Vauxhall. I just had to fit it before I went. After this Angela and I finished putting all the clothes bags into the van and we set off at 12pm, in pursuit of Terry and his group. Once on the road, I called John on his mobile to find out where they were, but I was told that they were almost at Scotch Corner, but it was raining very badly and he was finding it hard to hear me!

So at Ollerton we stopped for a late all day breakfast safe in the knowledge that we were not going to see them for lunch. Whilst there Terry called me to say that they had stopped a little short of the first stop point as the rain was so bad that they had pulled over, so their next stop was going to be Jedburgh.

Ok that was it, I had my target fixed and we were going to try to catch them up there. The drive up the A1 was quite good, there had been lots of rain as the roads were very wet and the spray was very hard to see through at times even with the wipers on full. But just as we reached the "Angel of the North" every thing came to a stop. So I quickly hit detour on the sat nav and we were directed off the motorway and through the centre of Newcastle.

"This might not be a good idea" I said to Angela, But we hit almost every set of lights on green, and we sailed straight through and out the other side and back onto the A68. We rolled into Jedburgh juts 10 minutes behind the bikes and the sat nav had an average speed of 56mph proudly displayed on it. That chipping was worth every penny (£180).

We joined the others and the usual banter started almost immediately, with Gary being at the butt of most of it, on his giant bike. Gary is now riding a sofa sized bike with a screen almost as large as my vans, but with out windscreen wipers, making it almost impossible to see through in severe rain, hence their steady progress on the A1.

We set off following a coffee, with Angela and I setting the pace in the van. I had brought a group radio with me in the van so we could talk to each other and that was going well. All was going well until we caught up with stationary traffic, and I had to wave the bikes through to carry on. Once by the hold up, we had to work hard to reel them back in. But we managed it in a town where they had got stuck behind a large tractor with a trailer on the back. On lookers must of thought we

were mad as I made overtakes guided by Terry on the radio from the front of the queue. Radios are just great!

We made it to the "Forth Bridge" but once again we got stuck in traffic and lost sight of Terry's group as they filtered through traffic laughing as we sat in the queue again. I guess it was because I had been taking the P**S when it started raining earlier, and we were warm and dry in the van. And I had wipers too!

As we were going over the bridge I could hear Terry & John discussing which way it was to the hotel, and they went the "long way around" (We know a book and film about that ...Ed). The race was again on. We started to achieve our goals and we got to the hotel first and the banter started again as Terry could be heard questioning the location of the "Cockroach hotel"

The stay there was just about acceptable. Thank god we were in a double though,



because we had an en-suite bathroom. Where as, if you had a single room you got to share with all the other boys and girls. John Hodges got a bit of a scare when he went in the toilets to find Terry flashing himself as the door didn't lock!

If things were not bad enough, we were being held hostage by the owner because one of our group members had not turned up and then refused to pay for the room he had booked... None of us could bare stay another night so we had to pay up so we could escape in the morning. Part two in next months issue... sorry folks.

Squires Café, Ride out

This was an Observers only ride, to the Squires café on 7th October. If you missed the ride to Hunstanton in the summer you should have tried to make this one as it was great.

The day started off in our usual manor with us taking the P**S, because Mark Ellis had brought Nick his new PINK NAM shirt, which he proudly wore through out the day. See photos on the web. We met at McDonalds in Arnold and the weather was good compared to the last time we went out. (Cat n Fiddle)

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CHAIRMANS BIT CONTINUED.....

The route was by the usual one up through Ollerton to the A161 to Goole, Selby etc. and we made our usual stop off at "The Lemon Tree" garden centre for coffee and cake. Or two pieces of cake if your name is John!

As an observer ride out the standard of riding was very good with every one able to ride at the same pace, and in close formation as we all knew what each other was going to do before we did it. So there was no panic braking going on, in the way you get some times with group rides.

Lunch was a very slow affair, and every one else seemed to be eating already, and they ordered after we did?

The café was very busy, with lots of bikes parked up and several cars parked across the road.

We stayed there for a couple of hours as the sun was warm and the company was good. And the main topic of conversation was Scotland!!!

Once back on the road we returned our usual route of the A614 to Bawtry for a coffee break. And from there on we returned by Retford, Tuxford and the old A1 to Sutton on Trent. Then a cross-country route via Caunton, Hockerton and Southwell before returning to Arnold.

This made the perfect end to a perfect days riding.

Many thanks to every one in my group and everyone else who came along, I hope you had as good a day as we did.

Next year

As normal we are planning more ride outs in the forth coming months. So please reply to Nick with your names if you want to join us. We still will need leads and tails if the numbers are great enough.

And for next year 2008, I have asked Nick if we can alternate ride outs from one month to the next for members and observers only. That way we all get to have fun and enjoy our riding. So if you're not an observer get your self trained and you can come too.

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

THE EDITORS BIT.

Firstly I have to comment on the award for best newsletter. Thanks to all those of you who have sent the complimentary comments it does make all the effort worthwhile. I daren't even work out how long it takes...good job I live on my own!!

I was thrown in right at the deep end almost a year ago due to unforeseen circumstances with and have gradually altered the Newsletter to how I would want it to be. I suppose as editor that's my prerogative. I am open to any comments good or bad and also suggestions to improve it.

I have many ideas some of which would end in Credit has to go to Ron whose help and guidance in the initial stages were invaluable. His Spelling Punctuation and Grammar is "lots betterer than wot myne is" but I get by "I is what I is".....

Ron is and has been an asset to the NAM Committee, I have seen that since my involvement commenced. I truly hope Ron remains on the committee in some role.

This month has been hectic for me—However I have manage d to get a couple of Observer runs done with my associate and keeping track of the umpteen emails floating around between the committee has not been easy.....The newsletter has been a bit rushed and is heavy on the "Official Stuff" so hope you enjoy.....

Stay safe

Phil

Fill the Editor!



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A Secretaries Job is never done?



Hi,

My name is Andy Hampshire and I have been the NAM secretary / membership secretary for the last 2 years, and at this years AGM I will be standing down.

There may well be one or two of you out there that are interested in joining the committee and may be wondering what we do and so I thought I would let you know about what the committee's responsibilities and my current post entail.

Being a committee member is fun, but it takes a bit of commitment – not much but some - you get to meet once a month with the others on the committee to find out what is happening with the IAM and the other parts of the group and you get to make the decisions about how the group progresses and grows, the events that we run and also those events that we attend. In the last 2 years we have been awarded 2nd most successful group in the UK (2006) and best motorcycle newsletter (2007) so you are joining a group of guys (where's the girlies?) (Don't look at Phil when you say this!) Who are well respected by the rest of the IAM and who really do care about how this group is seen to the wider public.

My role has dual responsibilities in that a couple of years ago we merged both the Sec's job with Membership, as in the days before email and the WWW the Sec's job was quite time consuming and involved a lot of paperwork, these days it's more a case of circulating the incoming info to the right people and making sure that all our information is as up to date as possible and in keeping with the expectations of the IAM. You are also the hub of all communication with the IAM and have access to top secret info (not really but sounds sort of cool), it is you who is called upon to contact the IAM by phone or email as the groups contact with regards to almost all matters, and it is because of this that we merged the position with that of membership as there are more questions and queries regarding membership than anything else (well except the age old question of where's my dinner from John A). So as you hold the key code to the IAM websites hidden secrets it is easier that asking some else to do it and possibly having to nag them when you can do it yourself.

The membership side of the role is the most involved, especially when we have membership renewal time at the end of March, but other than this it ticks along nicely, all you need is a logical mind all the systems are in place now to make it run as smooth as it can (even though we are dealing with people and not robots).

Even though I am standing down I will still want to be an active member of the group and I will be around to hand over to the person who takes on this position and guide them through everything (including membership renewal) as it is important that the group continues to grow with as few hiccups as possible.

It's now bye from me for now, but one question—Is anybody interested?

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Knowing me Phil Meynell Knowing you the Editor

I will do one of these hopefully each month picking on a different full member or associate....if you want to volunteer yourself feel free...

1st Bike Owned: Suzuki GS450 W reg

Current bike: Honda Blackbird

Full licence for how many years? 17 years

What car do you own? Vauxhall Vectra

Occupation: You know what I do!

If you won the Lottery what bike(s) would you buy and why (Max of 3)

Only 3.....

BMW GS1200 Adventure...Don't know why really just like them and see myself doing a Ewan and Charlie one day!!!

Triumph Rocket because it's a big Muscle bike.

A new Honda Blackbird if they ever revamp it.....

(I would also like an old classic Triumph Bonneville)

Favourite type of music and Singer/Band: Anything at all really have a massive CD collection favouring the Rock/Punk era... The Who, Thin Lizzy, 10CC etc etc

Favourite TV programme: Top Gear, X-factor (Sorry but its true), Phoenix Nights, Steve Coogan

Favourite Sport: Armchair Olympics—Watch Rugby and Motor Sport—but no real interest!!!

Favourite Comedian: Peter Kay, Lee Evans, Morecombe and Wise, Tommy Cooper

Favourite Film & Why? The Commitments as I used to play in a bands and can really relate to it. Not big into films tend to fall asleep before the end.

Other Hobbies Interests: Music –Listening to, Entertaining Kids (my own that is).

Where would you like to travel? World Cruise and also do the Ewan Charlie thing on a bikeOh and a NAM Scotland trip next year...please!!! (Promise I'll pay)

Most crazy or stupid thing done: 4 parachute Jumps for Charity—never again! Oh and get married! (Never again)

Tell us something we don't know about you: I used to play drums in a Group, well many groups actually from a Punk Band in 1978, Rock Bands, Dance bands and a 50's and 60's Band. Used play about 3 gigs a week.

Letter received by Terry Towler
regarding the Robin Hood Marathon
or the Experian Festival of Running.



Dear marshals, volunteers and race staff,

Please accept our sincere thanks for all your help at this years Robin Hood Festival of Running, once again the race proved to be an event Nottingham can be proud of. This year we had more overseas entrants than ever before with teams from Spain, France, Poland, Finland, Italy and the USA amongst them. I hope this is a trend that will continue until we become a truly international event.

Hundreds of thousands will have been raised for charity and good causes large and small will have benefited from the efforts of the runners. Without the marshals and volunteers none of this would be possible. We hope you can spare us a few hours again next year.

A massive thank you to all.

Chris Sumner

Race Director - Experian Robin Hood Festival of Running

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CLOTHING FOR CHRISTMAS 2007

As summer has now officially gone and we will soon be looking forward to Christmas, now is the time to get your order in for NAM branded winter clothing.

Sweat shirts, fleeces and beanie hats for when it gets cold. (Extra t-shirts for the tough northerners)

All clothing can be ordered to fit both male and female bodies and can be supplied in a wide range of colours, not just black and white. Ask to look at John's yellow or Nick's pink (yes PINK) polo shirts.



Contact Mark at
NAMClothing@ntlworld.com

or speak to him at club night and he will be glad to order you almost anything you want



George Strong's BMW R80RT was manufactured July 1990 and first registered May 1991. This makes it only "quite old" in comparison to Mark Ellis' see below....

Can you beat this?????

Highest mileage.....My Honda Blackbird has done 44,700....



Oldest bike is.....Mark Ellis's Yamaha FZ 750 which is 21 years old with 33,000 miles.



Do you know any different????

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS Wednesday 28th November 2007

The Group AGM will be held at the **Black Lion, Radcliffe on Trent, on Wednesday 28th November 2007**. The **AGM will start at 8.00 p.m.** Please ensure you are there on time.

The purpose of the AGM is to review the events and finances of the past year and to elect the new committee for the forthcoming year. All full members and associates are invited to attend but only full members of the Institute and the Group may vote. (Those who have passed their Advanced Test)

Committee Changes

The current officers – Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer must stand down plus at least one third of the current committee (three members) in accordance with Group rules. Any existing committee member may seek re-election.

The current intentions of the committee are given below.

Officers

Chairman **Steve Laughton: Standing down/seeking re election**

Secretary **Andy Hampshire: NOT seeking re election as Secretary**

Treasurer **Ryan Walker: Standing down/seeking re election**

(Steve Laughton is willing to continue as Chairman and Ryan Walker as Treasurer if no-one wishes to take on this post.)

THE SECRETARIES JOB WILL BECOME VACANT!

Current Committee Members & Positions

Terry Towler – Associate Co-Ordinator / **Duncan Wallace** - Assistant Ass Co-ordinator /

Nick Ireland - Events Coordinator / **Dave Bryant** - Publicity/Web Site / **Ron Maslin** - Newsletter Editor

Phil Meynell - Newsletter Editor/General Member / **Mark Ellis** – Clothing/General Member

John Annable will stay as Chief Observer.

(This is not a committee post and may only be held by a current serving Senior Observer.)

Voting will take place to fill the three officer posts at the AGM. In the event of 2 or more nominations for a post, a secret ballot will take place on the evening.

We need more volunteers to fill committee member posts. If you think you have something to offer and want to help make the group a success then please apply for a committee post.

Nomination forms are attached to this Newsletter. Please remember, only fully paid up members of the Institute and the Group may nominate or be nominated. Please return nomination forms to any of the Officers/ Committee Members as soon as possible or hand in to the Secretary when attending the Annual General Meeting.



The Radcliffe Trophy



Q. How do you thank someone within the NAM group for their help, advice or the special contribution that they have made to the success of Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists over the last year?

A. Nominate them for the Radcliffe Trophy!

Every year the Radcliffe Trophy is awarded to a member of the group, who is considered to deserve special recognition for their efforts. As well as receiving the prestigious trophy itself, at the AGM, the lucky person will also be awarded a suitably engraved trophy to keep for life.

There are only two rules,

1. **All** members and associates are entitled to vote, and
2. The only person **ineligible** for the award is the current holder – which is [Nick Ireland](#)

When completing the voting slip below you will notice that a first and second place is requested. The second named person will be used in the event of a tie for the trophy and the person with the greater number of second places will be the winner.

PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE FOR THE PERSON YOU FEEL MOST DESERVES RECOGNITION FOR THEIR EFFORTS OR COMMITMENT

You can vote by telling me in person at club night, by e-mail to nri01@talktalk.net

I need to arrange to have the engraving done in time for the AGM, so please can you ensure that I receive your votes **by 3rd November 2006.**

THE RADCLIFFE TROPHY 2007 VOTING SLIP:

I would like to nominate the following person for the 2007 Radcliffe Trophy.

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____

In the event of a tie situation, I nominate the following person as second choice.

Name of Nominee 2: _____

Please return your completed form by email vote to Nick Ireland at Group Night or email at nri01@talktalk.net

TO BE HANDED TO ANY OFFICER/COMMITTEE MEMBER OF NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS PRIOR TO AGM OR TO SECRETARY ON EVENING OF AGM ON 28th NOVEMBER 2007

Nomination Form for the election of Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists 2007/2008 committee officers and members

I(name in block capitals) am willing to stand for election in the position of:Signature.....Date.....
Proposed by: (Name in Capitals).....Signature.....Date.....
Seconded by: (Name in Capitals).....Signature.....Date.....
Nomination Accepted by.....

In the event of 2 or more nominations, I agree to a vote by ballot on the night and will abide by the majority decision.

Please note: You may not stand for the committee if the law debar you from being a charity trustee.

If you want to volunteer for the committee but do not know someone who can nominate you or second your nomination.

Please contact the Secretary Andy Hampshire M:07976 707460: E-mail: namsec@ntlworld.com

**Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Annual General Meeting
The Black Lion – Radcliffe on Trent – Wednesday 28th November 2007
Agenda**

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Apologies	Secretary
2.	Minutes of last AGM Accuracy Matters arising	Secretary
3.	Reports a) Chair b) Secretary c) Treasurer d) Associate co-ordinator e) Events f) Newsletter g) Publicity h) Chief Observer i) Other	
4.	A.O.B	
5.	Meeting Close	

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Photos & Jokes



BALLOON ART



Oh *%\$~@....



Spot the motorcycle!!!

I went to one of these living museum places at the weekend. The blacksmith chap said "Have you had ever made a "horse shoe."
I said
"No but I once told a donkey to **** off" (Sorry Ron...Ed)

A senior citizen drove his brand new BMW Z3 convertible out of the car salesroom. Taking off down the motorway, he floored it to 90 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

"Amazing!" he thought as he flew down the M40, enjoying pushing the pedal to the metal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring.

"I can get away from him - no problem!" thought the elderly nut-case as he floored it to 110mph, then 120, then 130mph. Suddenly, he thought, "What on earth am I doing? I'm too old for this nonsense!" So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

Pulling in behind him, the police officer walked up to the driver's side of the BMW, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes. Today is Friday and I'm off for the weekend. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The man, looked very seriously at the policeman, and replied, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, Sir," said the policeman.

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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Phil

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Recent Test Passes

Congratulations &
Well Done etc etc

Alan Bexton
Paul Nunn
Craig Garland
Paul Milne



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



Have you had GOOD or BAD service from some-one whether it be Tyres, Insurance, Servicing, Parts etc Let us know and we can pass it on to the rest of the group via the Newsletter and Website. Email me at:

newslettereditor@nottsam.org.uk



James Banks



Roger Leek



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Full information for all the events available on the Yahoo Site.
Contact Nick Ireland nri01@alktalk to get access.

Events at a Glance (Always check the Calendar for full details)

31 October (Wednesday Evening) Peter Gant on the preparations for his son to ride on the Isle of Man. He will also bring his G50 and Pit Crew.

28 November (Wednesday Evening) A.G.M. (Be there its your club)

**Business cards are
available at every Group
Night.**

Give them out.....

I have managed to obtain two pairs of tickets for the Motorcycle Show, NEC Birmingham between 24th November to 2nd December 2007.

Raffle tickets will be sold at group nights and all the money raised will be divided between the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance AND Acorn Children's Hospice & Cancer Research.

Tickets will be on sale at group nights on 31/10/2007 and 28/11/2007.

**DID I MENTION THE AGM ON
WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2007 AT THE BLACK LION???????**



MOBILE SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS—NOT THAT WE NEED THEM—JUST INTERESTING!

http://www.bbc.co.uk/nottingham/travel/speed_camera_locations.shtml



24th November to 2nd December

£15 Adults / Children 11-16 & Senior Citizens £5

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John Annable Chief Observer

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MENTOR GROUPS

MENTOR GROUPS @ August 2007

Richard Edwards(S)	0115 9491678	Stapleford
D.Bryant (GQ)	0115 8491590	Long Eaton
K.Priest (GQ)	0115 9304958	Ilkeston
P.Phillips (GQ)	0115 9825039	West Bridgford
A.Parkin (GQ)	0115 9207630	Arnold
J.Ritchie (GQ)	0115 9551826	Rise Park
Paul Hunnisett (S)	0115 9816835	West Bridgford
D.Wallace (GQ)	0115 8469023	Wilford
R.Maslin (GQ)	0115 9375994	Keyworth
G.Roberts (GQ)	0115 8466835	Wollaton
B.Jackson (GQ)	0115 9401497	Netherfield
J Morgan(GQ)	07780 843315	Cropwell Bishop
Andy Davis(S)	0115 8491098	Kimberley
K.Telfer-Banner (GQ)	01623 423243	Mansfield
N.Ireland (GQ)	01636 611246	Newark
S.Macmillan-Fraser(GQ)	01623 442436	Sutton-in-Ashfield
G Harrison(GQ)	01159 875826	Carlton
P Meynell(GQ)	07776 165204	Mansfield
Steve Laughton (S)	07973 892121	Warren Wood
P.Waldron (GQ)	0115 9279856	Bestwood Village
A.Beavis (GQ)	0115 8407370	Carlton
K.Savage (GQ)	0115 9558560	Arnold
K.Pickering (GQ)	07866 339386	Papplewick
D Storey(GQ)	07814 672289	Hucknall
Ian Orgill (S)	01623 795654	Rainworth
P.Green (S)	01664 851557	Melton Mowbray
M.Gant (S)	01664 852353	Melton Mowbray
R.Walker(S)	0115 8461893	Gamston
T.Towler(S)	0115 8465870	Wilford

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REFRESHER TRAINING

OK so most of us have an advanced certificate hanging on the wall somewhere or supporting the coffee table's wobbly leg! But how many of us are still riding to an advanced standard?

This is some thing I have been trying to get started for a while now, and I took out my first victim/volunteer this weekend. It was Ron Fahy.



Ron passed his test in Aug 2006, and since then he can be seen riding around the county on his black GSX1000. Some of you will know him from ride outs to this last year as well.

I spoke to Ron and his mate Ken Jacklin, to see if they fancied any additional training because they had been riding as full members now for around a year or so and I wondered if they had continued to improve or if they had slipped back into any old habits.

Ken was unable to come this time but Ron was brave enough to stick his neck out and give it a go.

We used some of my favourite routes to test his abilities, and as with any rider there were things we could talk about, from positioning for bends to getting lazy on the gear changes. (You know what I mean, you have a big powerful bike and don't need to be in the correct gear, as it will still pull from 30mph etc) well the 5 point system is, All together now...

Information Position Speed Gear Acceleration.

When we stopped I highlighted one or two points and gave a demonstration on the road, first on foot and then on the bike.

Ron listed intently and was keen to give it a try. And once on the road his riding started to get sharper and more flowing. "Like water down a tube" I kept telling him. "Feed the power on gently like you are opening a tap, and not like turning on a light"

Ron continued to get smoother as the ride progressed and we went for lunch while things were good.

As we talked a little more over lunch and then he asked me to do a demo with a commentary on the way home, so he could see my lines and hear my thoughts as I ride this is some thing I enjoy doing.

We rode back along some interesting roads with more good corners. And when we got home, Ron had a big grin on his face, and had nothing but praise for how the run had gone and how much he had learnt.

Later that day I had a telephone conversation with Ron who had this to say, "I think everyone should come on one of these days and get their riding looked at, we could all do with a little help, I have really enjoyed today and found it very enjoyable. I will try to put into practice what you have showed me, and I would like to go out again in a few weeks so you can see if I have improved from today"

So if you would like to be like Ron who was in the search for higher standards and a refresher lesson (£15/run) please contact either myself, or any of the other senior observers to get it arranged. You never know, you may even be encouraged to go for your observer certificate too.

Thanks for reading this; I look forward to hearing from you soon. After all, most of the associates disappear around now, and we need some one to ride with, to keep us sharp for next season.

Steve Laughton, Senior Observer and NAM Chairman

GROUP NIGHTS
 I've not forgotten about the
 Group Night write ups on Mick
 Extance or Alex Steadman—I
 will include them when I have
 more timeand space...

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Donkey has left the Newsletter!



The award for the best motorcycle newsletter of the year award by the IAM is a fantastic feather in the Group's cap, and one we can all be particularly pleased with. These things do not happen by accident but are the result of lots of hard work and tireless – often thankless – dedication and commitment by

the whole team. I am really proud to have been associated with the magazine over the last 3 years, to have been able to make a contribution as it grew and developed into what it is now – an award winning publication! Judged to be the best in the land, no less!!!

I took over editing the magazine from Andy Hampshire 3 years ago and I felt that Andy had done a great job of editing it; I really enjoyed reading it and looked forward to getting my copy every month. I wanted to give it a new look and feel, though, to 'make it my own' in a sense, like decorating a new house when you move in. I hope I succeeded in doing that.

Late last year Phil Meynell offered to help me out with producing the magazine as I was having some personal and family difficulties, with a tragic death of a baby grand-daughter, that made meeting my commitments to produce the magazine very difficult. He was a huge help and between us we managed to keep the magazine going. I shall always be grateful to Phil for his help.

But now the time has come for me to move on I feel, and let Phil take the magazine on to the next level, and continue the fantastic job he has done for the last months. He has the opportunity to make his own stamp of individuality on the magazine, to take it on and on, and maybe win the award consistently for the Group year on year!

Phil can't do that himself, though; he needs the help and support of everyone - above all, the members. It is down to all of us to contribute in whatever way we can, by sending in pieces for publication, by joining in the debate on some of the issues, or maybe even just be reading it!

There were many, many times when I genuinely wondered if anyone actually read the magazine that

On the other hand, however, there were times when I was ready to pack it in but didn't, because of the support I got from many, general members of the Group as well as the committee. I carried on, but am now quite happy to hand over to Phil, confident that he will continue to do a fantastic job in his own right, and with all of our support, appreciation, and backing.



Goodbye, and thanks for all the fish.

Ron Maslin

PAUL NUNN

(Full IAM and NAM member)

Best Wishes to Paul who was involved in a bike accident recently.

Steve has been in contact with his partner Amy and she has kept him up to date with his progress. Last we heard was he's waiting to see a Surgeon re a possible operation.

Best Wishes from everyone Paul and hope to see you fit and well soon.

We'll let you know more as we hear it.

GAIN THE ADVANTAGE..

Are you ready?.. for a skill for Life.

Become an Advanced Motorcyclist with Nottingham IAM Group. Seven road-based advice sessions with NAM Observers, all for £85 as part of the "skills for Life" course. This includes IAM Membership and test to an approved standard. Close call? .. give us a call



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Caption competition.....

1. While your down there....
2. Angela huffed and puffed and blow them all down
3. I'm telling you its true, you can play twister in leathers; you just do this...then that...then ouch!
4. BREAKING NEWS: Mini earthquake hits Grantham
5. S**t, it's the hell's angels, quick cover the sign!!
6. Lady member: "I warned you I had a black belt in Origami"
7. Bloke member on floor: "No..... I said would you lay me out some leaflets please?"



And the winner of an IAM T shirt is Brian Negus with:-

"First time I have been able to get my knee down since I bought this stealth bike"

CAPTIONS PLEASE!

This months for another T shirt.....



**LIES TOLD TO SMALL CHILDREN OR
REALLY STUPID ADULTS**

**Pubs have special magnets which drag men in by their
metal fillings.....they have no choice.....**

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Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists Committee 2007



<p>Chairman Steve Laughton</p>  <p>Not my suggestion!!!</p>	<p>Secretary Andy Hampshire</p> 	<p>Treasurer Ryan Walker</p>  <p>Not my suggestion!!!</p>	<p>Chief Observer John Annable</p> 
<p>Training Co-Coordinator Terry Towler</p>  <p>What do you mean you can't make the block course?</p>	<p>Asst training Co-ordinator Duncan Wallace</p> 	<p>Co -Newsletter Editor Ron Maslin</p> 	<p>Publicity Dave Bryant</p> 
<p>Events Organiser Nick Ireland</p> 	<p>Co -Newsletter Editor & General Member Phil Meynell</p> 	<p>Clothing and Merchandise & General Member Mark Ellis</p> 	<p>The Committee meet EVERY month in addition to club nights to keep the club running so smooth...</p> 

Next month back to the old committee before some changes appear.

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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."

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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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Terry Towler

Associate Coordinator & Senior Observer Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists.

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Training Status	Surname	First Name	Observer	Runs Comp
BEING TRAINED	Willison	Roger	Phil Meynell/Shanus	2
BEING TRAINED	Willot	Steve	Mike Gant	3
BEING TRAINED	Mirfin	Trevor	Steve Laughton	
BEING TRAINED	Harris	Ian	Dave Bryant	4
BEING TRAINED	Chambers	Craig	Phil Meynell	4
BEING TRAINED	Fisher	Malcolm	Ron Maslin	
BEING TRAINED	MacCleod	James	George Harrison	4
BEING TRAINED - next year	Turton	Roger	Nick Ireland	1
BEING TRAINED BC	Goodwin	Ian	BC - Nick Ireland PW	2
BEING TRAINED BC	Brindley	Chris	BC - Andy Parkin	3
BEING TRAINED BC	Myers	Max	BC - Keith Pickering	2
BEING TRAINED BC	Pound	Des	BC - Dave Storey	4
BEING TRAINED BC	Perry	Dave	BC	1
FINAL COMPLETED	Dagley	Ian	BC Duncan Wallace	A
FINAL REQUIRED - RE	Heaps	Amy	John Ritchie	4
FINAL REQUIRED	Kabut	John	BC * Keith Priest	5
FINAL REQUIRED - Andy Davis	Patrick	Robert	George Harrison/ KP	5
FINAL REQUIRED - Ian Orgill	Harrison	Ian	BC	5
INITIAL COMPLETED - On Hold	Phipps	Michael	BC	0
INITIAL REQUIRED - Next Year	Pykett	Tim		
ON HOLD	Dixon	Mike	BC	0
TEST READY	Wright	David	BC * Keith Priest	5
TEST READY	Patrick	John	Jason Morgan	5
TEST READY	Biggs	David	Shanus M-F	5
TEST READY	Milne	Paul	BC	5
TEST READY	Strong	George	Keith Pickering	5
TEST READY	Martin	Richard	BC Andy Parkin D Bryant	5
TEST READY	Chadwick	Barry	Gethin Roberts GH	5
TEST READY	Common	Chris	BC	5
TEST READY - *	Cuckson	Tina	Keith Priest	5
TEST READY - *	Cameron	Jeff	Ben Jackson	
WAITING ASSOCIATE	Stark	Adam		
WAITING ASSOCIATE	Dagley	Caroline	BC *	3
WAITING ASSOCIATE - KNOWN REASON	Adams	Chris		

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