

# D.A.M. Biker News

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**August 2011**

**For members and friends of Derbyshire Advanced Motorcyclists.**

**I.A.M. Group no.3146**

**Registered Charity no. 1049060**

**Monthly Meetings 7.30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at the Meadows Inn,**



Chair Chat July 2011.

Hope everyone is enjoying this fantastic summer, well that's what the weather forecasters keep telling me, I suppose if I hang around long enough they may get it right. Over the last month or so I have been enthralled to watch how my mentor Nick Sanders was doing in his latest record attempt. That was to set off from Prudhoe Bay in Alaska and ride due south to Ushuia on the tip of South

America and then turn immediately back and return to Prudhoe Bay. Fighting every type of weather known to man. Nick completed the south ride in approx 21 days and returned North in approx 25 days that's a journey of in excess of 30,000 miles in 46 days. My congratulations go to Nick in establishing a world record which I think will be unchallenged for some time. I will be seeing Nick hopefully in September and will try to get him to come over and talk to us about his adventures.

On a slightly more serious note it has become necessary for us to confirm that mainly because of insurance reasons only full and associate members can take part in club runs, an unfortunate but necessary ruling.

We are trying very hard to get speakers for club nights to make them a little more entertaining for members, John Lickley is giving a talk on

motorcycle road craft at the August meeting and Dr John Knox is talking in October about his bike trip around Morocco, if anyone knows of other speakers who would be prepared to come and enlighten or entertain us please let me know.

Tony Grimshaw and Mick Ford are attempting to bring our training register up to date ,so if you have been asked to send details of any associates under your guidance your cooperation would be very much appreciated.

Safe Riding.

*Graeme.*

**Editor's Note.**

Chairman Graeme Willett, Andy Marshall, Tony Ellis, John May, Mike Fourie and John Knox (Hull Ad. Bikes.)

Are doing a multi-mile tour around South Africa in September so there will be no news letter in September.

Deadline for contributions will be 30th September.

I am still waiting for some ride reports and some photos.

*Mike F*

# **D.A.M. Calendar**

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** August Club Night. Meadows Inn, Derby.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** September Club Night. Meadows Inn, Derby.

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** (Saturday )Inaugural Region 3 Ashes Competition.  
See P4 for details.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** October Club Night. Meadows Inn, Derby.  
Speaker: John Knox talk "Geriatric hooligans tackle Morrocco on bikes"

**December. 10<sup>th</sup>** D.A.M. Christmas Toy Run. (John Lloyd.)  
We will have our 2011 D.A.M. Toy Run on Saturday Usual meeting place: 9.45  
a.m. at Little Chef, Little Eaton.  
Fancy dress and decorated bikes add to the festive fun.  
Come laden with gifts. The best are soft toys; books and crayons and  
games.  
Christmas wrapped, labelled indicating if for a boy or girl and approximate  
age please.

*Recent Test Pass's*

*Congratulations*

*Martin Turner.*

*Observer: Graeme Willett.*

*Mariano Kaminsky.*

*Observer: Chris Tyler.*



**Suggest a caption for this picture.**



**Answers to:**

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# Recommendations

I and many others within our group at the I.A.M Derby branch would love to have info on any recommendations or ideas that will have a benefit to any of our club members ie -----

Where to purchase – Quality Motorcycle/car Tyres at reasonable prices, plus fitting costs, this would include any mobile tyre fitters.

Motorcycles or parts-- for any Bike/car manufacturer who you know you can trust.

Any reliable Motorcycle/car mechanic who works from home -mobile or Garage. This info is always useful to most of us.

Also if anyone has any Motorcycle parts or accessories – ie Sat Navs---Manuals ---Tools---etc you may want to sell.

Do's anyone have any recommended Holiday routes/journeys they have encountered, and places of interest visited. This will surely help anyone planning a touring holiday on the Bike or in the car.

Please provide brief details plus any photos of where and when this took place.

Please forward details including phone No for any points raised, or any other items/points etc that I have missed-- F.A.O of Mike Fourie he will be delighted to have your info to print. It would certainly add to brighten up the Newsletter adding fresh ideas.

I hear many people stating the club has gone stale.

This gives everyone the opportunity to move the club forward, and of course help others.

Looking forward to reading your news articles.

*My first recommendation is overleaf:-*

*Geoff Salt*

Hi, My name is Mariano and I am - no was - a DAM associate member; membership number 410452.

I thought you may like to know that following a number of ride outs with my observer and a senior observer during which I tweed and improved my riding skills I finally past my advanced test on Monday 18 July with great personal satisfaction. It took two attempts before I fully understood the meaning of 'making progress' as in my eagerness to impress on the first attempt I fell fowl of misjudging an overtake and clipped a solid white line and was also 'too early' in going from a thirty zone to sixty having gone through traffic lights.

I thought my examiner explained it really well when he said that whilst alot of emphasis is placed on the Police technique of advanced motorcycling making progress in an opera-

tional scenario requires them to make 'maximum progress' to get to an incident for which they are highly trained whilst within a civilian context making good progress predominately involves being safe, to yourself and other road users, so safety above all other things whilst making progress i.e. making 'safe progress' is what he was looking for in an advanced rider. So I worked on developing my riding technique to produce safe, smooth, progress.

I am happy to report that having been marked as 'unsatisfactory' on overtaking and legality on my first test my marks have subsequently been upgraded to satisfactory for overtaking and excellent for legality on the re-test - lesson learnt. Apart from getting 11 excellent and good marks with the rest being satisfactory out of a total of 27 criteria, I was even more chuffed to see that my examiner had wrote in the Remarks: 'A good standard shown'. An opinion you can respect.

Whilst for me the tests were stressful (all tests are) I feel a lot more confident now I have been through this process and am looking forward to many hours of enjoyable riding and indeed I may even go on some of the group ride outs which is something I haven't done yet. I would like to thank my DAM observer for all the help and support I got, he is a great guy, and would fully recommend any motorcyclist seeking to improve their riding skills to join and go through this development process - it's worth it.

*Mariano*

*Editor's Note:*

*Thank you for your contribution. This is exactly what the news letter needs.*

*M.*

## **PAINT JOB**

I have recently had my Top box sprayed to match the colour of my new BMW Motorcycle.

If at anytime you require a paint job doing to your Bike or car with a high quality finish,

I would highly recommend the BMW SYTNER BODYSHOP based in Nottingham. (no I am not on commission!) This is the third time they have sprayed my top box to match my bike colour and each time they have done a superb job. You are welcome to view for yourself. Don't be put of by the BMW name, all these blokes have had many years experience spraying panels from all types of vehicles.

If you require a quotation or any information, please ring [0115 9400215](tel:01159400215) ask for the Bodyshop, they are very helpful, knowledgeable and nice people to deal with, believe me you will not regret it.

Should you have need for this requirement, if I can be of more help please give me a call on---- 01773 746562.

Geoff Salt

## Occasional Review: *Security luggage*

I do enjoy a day excursion on the bike, but it is not all that much fun wearing full bike gear while going round a stately home or museum on a hot day. With that in mind, Rosalind and I recently tested the Pacsafe bag on a couple of excursions.

([http://www.pacsafe.com/www/index.php?room=3&activity\\_id=11](http://www.pacsafe.com/www/index.php?room=3&activity_id=11))

In essence, this is a waterproof kit bag with an external steel mesh which can accommodate everything (helmet, boots, gloves, and suit) and can be locked to the bike.

Our first outing was following a funeral in the family. After the sad duties were over, we headed for Lymington in the New Forest. This was in February, but the heated seats on the bike and the heated gloves on the pillion will perhaps be the subject of future Occasional Reviews. We quartered in the

Britannia House in Lymington (<http://www.britannia-house.com>, a 5-star B&B, if that's not a contradiction in

terms) and made the excursion through the New Forest to the Beaulieu estate, to spend the day around the Buckler's Hard maritime museum (<http://www.bucklershard.co.uk/>). This is a quirky little museum paying tribute to a civilian shipyard which built ships for the Navy of Nelson's day. It also featured an early (and unsuccessful) machine gun which was designed with round bullets for Christian enemies and square-section bullets for the heathens.



The car park was the scene of the product test. Rosalind and I wore slacks, T-shirts and pullovers under our gear (it was February after all). In the car park the walking shoes and anoraks came out and the boots, helmets and gloves went into the panniers and top box. The Pacsafe easily accommodates two jackets and trousers. We then spent the day in perfect comfort, browsing the museum, having lunch, and going for a walk towards Beaulieu. In the evening we returned to the car park, and reversed the process.

Summary: the Pacsafe comes heartily recommended. Britannia House and Buckler's Hard are pretty good, too.

Peter Harris