

# D.A.M. RIDER NEWS

## Derby Advanced Motorcyclists

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**2012**

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### Chairmans Chat.



I'm semi retired but have 2 part time jobs. Some of you know of one of them, I'm a bike trainer and do CBT and DAS training. The other job has entailed messing around with computers since 1968. Yes we did have computers then. They were big, slow and expensive.

So, on occasion my old employers digs me out and sends me to some exotic place to train programmers in some ancient language.

So it is that I find myself sitting in a hotel in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia,

writing the chat for this month.

How can we link this in with biking? Driving here is chaotic and there are hardly any two wheeled jobies. In fact I've seen only a few 50cc twisties, ridden by Bangladeshi suicide jockeys, and one indeterminate 125 twin of Indian origin.

Can we learn anything from this choas? What traffic rules there are are blantly disregarded. I'm driven to work each day on a four lane motorway that usually has 5 lanes of traffic, because that is what will fit in the road width. On my way home we regularly turn right (remember we are driving on the right) at a particular set of traffic lights where there is a garage on the corner. If the lights are red, everyone just goes through the garage as if its a slip

road. And they don't slow down much. All the oddities are accepted as the norm. Everyone just gets on with it.

So, what can we learn from all this? Well their powers of observation must be far greater than the average driver in the UK. Swapping lanes without warning is the norm. Not using signals is the norm. Driving very close to the car in front, is the norm. Leave a gap big enough for a bike, and a car will head for it. Leave a gap big enough for a car and a truck will be tempted.

These guys (girls aren't allowed to drive!) drive expecting these things to happen, so their observations and anticipation must be top notch. We are often lulled into a false sense of security as most people in the UK

do obey the rules. Maybe if everyone adopted the mind set of the Saudi drivers, and drive expecting odd things to happen, the 'sorry I didn't see you mate' would not happen quite so often.

But, of course, we all do this don't we? We are, after all,

Advanced riders .....  
Cheers for now

*John.*

### D.A.M. Diary.

Next Meeting 14th May.

#### **Bank Holiday Club Night**

A bakers dozen turned out for the April, Bank Holiday, meeting. Maybe we will re-think this the next time the meeting falls on a BH. We had a pint a a bit of a chat and went our merry ways.

So if you thought you were going to miss my National Road Rally chat, fear not, it will be done on the next club night.

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# THE EASTER EGG RUN - 2012

What a difference the weather makes ! Last year – frost but this year we had blue skies and sunshine which helped for a good turn-out of more than 20 bikes on the Egg Run to the Derby Children's Hospital donating loads of Easter Eggs.

On arrival at the hospital we were greeted by the staff who had taken the time and trouble to supply us with tea and biscuits.

Thanks to all who attended and thanks also to the two very young girl pillion riders – namely Chloe Harris and Sammy Wood who helped with the distribution of the Easter Eggs to the sick children and mums of the babies.  
Geoff Salt



## Blond Joke:

A young blonde girl in her late teens, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a "handy woman" and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighbourhood.

She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

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### **European Parliament hosts exhibition of motorcyclist-friendly crash barriers.**

The exhibition; **"Safe roadside barriers for motorcyclists, an urgent need in Europe - How to effectively protect vulnerable road users improving the EU standard for roadside barriers"**; will showcase a prototype friendly road restraint system, designed to offer better protection for motorcyclists.

The event is hosted by Members of the European Parliament Corien Wortmann-Kool (**The Netherlands**) and Ines Ayala-Sender (**Spain**). Access is open to all, from April 23rd through April 25th, at the European Parliament in Brussels. An opening reception will take place on April 24th. The exhibition will address the broader issue of the hazard that standard guardrails create for motorcyclists.

Current standard European roadside barriers (EN 1317) have not been designed nor tested with vulnerable road users in mind. Motorcyclists pay a high toll when falling and hitting unprotected support posts or sharp edges: roadside barriers contribute to 8 to 16% of all motorcyclist fatalities across Europe.

Co-funded by the European Commission, the Smart Road Restraint Systems (SMARTRRS) project has developed an innovative road restraint system taking the safety of vulnerable road users into account, which will be shown at the event. The new intelligent barrier brings several substantial improvements to today's EU standardized roadside barriers by propos-

ing solutions addressing motorcyclists' safety issues such as shock absorption, traffic information, and emergency response, three of Europe's key **road safety priorities 2011-2020**.

FEMA General Secretary Aline Delhaye says, *"The recent decision of Sweden to start installing motorcyclist-friendly barriers in black spot locations, joining other countries such as France, Portugal or Spain, shows that there is a lot of room for improving road infrastructure for motorcyclists. We need to raise awareness on the issue, with the help of the European Parliament, promote coordinated policies at national and local levels to ensure the availability of safer roadside barriers."*

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**Hi Guys 'n Gals, Bikes have come a long way. There is no comparison between these two two-wheelers. Have we as riders make the same progress??**



"Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint the porch" he said. "How much will you charge me?"

Delighted, the girl quickly responded, "How about £50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint and brushes and everything she would need were in the garage.

The man's wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband,

"Does she realise that our porch goes all the way around the house?"

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# Teenage Motorcyclist Dies After Skid on Ice.

This was the headline of a story in the Derby Telegraph on April 5, 2012. The lad hit ice, fell off and sustained nasty injuries to his face and chest. Another road user, who happened to be a nurse, went quickly to his aid, called for help and "was talked through what to do over the phone". This is where we come to the worrying part of the story. According to the Telegraph report, "the paramedics said start CPR but not mouth-to-mouth because Hayden had his helmet on". This is, unfortunately, the same nonsense as we had from Flipper at the club evening. I'm sorry to say it, but the lad died because nobody took his helmet off to give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Let us go through it again slowly. The resuscitation sequence is ABC: Airway, Breathing, Circulation. The first thing to do for the victim who is not breathing is to check that the Airway is not obstructed. Airway obstruction is most commonly the tongue falling back in the mouth, but sometimes because of a foreign body, food (think chewing gum), or vomit. There is NO way you can deal with any of those things without taking

the helmet off, unless the helmet is of the flip-up type. So get the helmet off before they die. I recognise that the reluctance to take the helmet off is because there may be a neck injury, but believe me, I have done my research on this. Neck injuries, including whiplash, are well recognised in car accidents, but they are quite rare in bike accidents. If the likelihood of a neck injury is less than 3% (and not all neck injuries are paralysing), and the likelihood of surviving without clearing a blocked airway is 0%, which one do you pay more attention to? If the victim is not breathing, even if you are by yourself, GET THE HELMET OFF. If there are two of you, then the correct procedure is for one person kneeling beside the chest to put a hand each side of the face to stabilise the head while the other pulls the helmet. Once it is off, make a small pillow for the head, wrap a hanky round two fingers to make a scoop, open the mouth with the other hand and sweep the mouth out with the scoop.

So much for the Airway. Now if they are not Breathing, start mouth-to-mouth and no nonsense. They do not need cardiac massage at this stage because they have healthy hearts which have not (yet) stopped. Cardiac massage

does NOT, whatever Flipper said, move air into the chest. Indeed, cardiac massage performed by the inexperienced does little for restoring the circulation either, and it does absolutely nothing for respiration if there is an associated chest injury. Check the pulse, yes, but cardiac massage only if there is no pulse after the artificial respiration.

I have to say the the advice I have given relates only to the trauma situation, which is completely different from the falling over because of a heart attack. If someone has a heart attack and blood stops flowing to the brain, they will become unconscious and stop breathing. If you apply cardiac massage, the blood flows into the brain again and wakes up the drive to breathe. The breathing is still not as good as when mouth-to-mouth is applied, but it is good enough to justify the continuous cardiac massage, and it is entirely the correct thing to do until help arrives.

So there you are. Two different situations, easy to tell apart; two different solutions. I hope I can rely on you to do the right thing.

By:

Peter Harris. MA BSc BM BCh, former FRCA and consultant in intensive care.

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A few hours later the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already?", the startled husband asked.

"Yes," the blonde replied, "And I even had paint left over so I gave it two coats."

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## Top this for a speeding ticket...

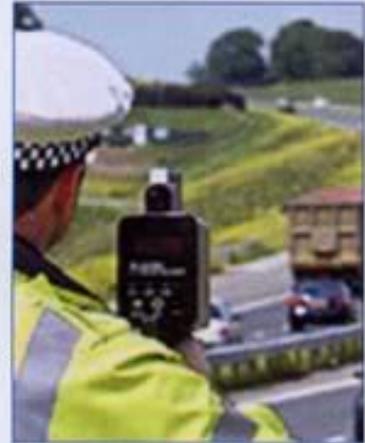
Two British traffic patrol officers from North Berwick, east of Edinburgh, were involved in an unusual incident, while checking for speeding motorists on the A1 Great North Road.

One of the officers (who are not named) used a hand-held radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill, and was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 300mph. The machine then stopped working and the officers were not able to reset it.

The radar had in fact locked on to a NATO Tornado fighter jet over the North Sea, which was engaged in a low-flying exercise over the Borders district.

Back at police headquarters the chief constable fired off a stiff complaint to the RAF Liaison office.

Back came the reply in true laconic RAF style. "Thank you for your message, which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Tornado had automatically locked on to your 'hostile radar equipment' and sent a jamming signal back to it. Furthermore, the Sidewinder air-to-ground missiles aboard the fully-armed aircraft had also locked on to the target. Fortunately the Dutch pilot flying the Tornado responded to the missile status alert intelligently and was able to override the automatic protection system before the missile was launched."



## Riders must carry breathalysers in France



PLANNING on riding in France this summer? New laws due to come into force on July 1, 2012 across the channel will make it a legal requirement for riders and drivers to carry a disposable breathalyser at all times.

If riders and drivers are stopped by the French police and found not

to have a disposable breathalyser, then the fine will be an automatic €11. The actual units themselves cost around €2 and can be bought from most big ports and on ferries.

The French legal alcohol limit is currently 50mg per 100ml of blood, as opposed to the UK's more lenient 80mg level.

**Four wheels move the body.  
Two wheels move the soul.**

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the £50 and handed it to her along with a £10 tip.

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**Smile..**

## **CAPTION COMPETITION.**

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**Wife texts husband on a cold winters morning: "Windows frozen."**

**Husband texts back: "pour some luke warm water over"**

**Wife texts back: "computer completely f\*\*\*ed now."**

**A ten year old boy was walking down the street when a big man on a black motorcycle pulls up beside him and asks, "Hey kid, wanna go for a ride?"**

**" No!", said the boy, and he kept walking. The motorcycle pulls up to him again and says "Hey kid, I'll give you £10 if you hop on the back."**

**" No!", said the boy and he proceeded down the street a little quicker. The motorcycle pulls up to the boy again and says, "Ok kid, I'll give you £20 and a BIG bag of sweets if you hop on the back for a ride."**

**At this point, the boy turns around to him and screams angrily, "Look Dad, YOU bought the Honda, so YOU ride it!"**

**As Bikers we know about Guts & Balls.**

**To those of you who are nit-pickers about the meaning of words: there is a medical distinction between Guts and Balls.**

**We've all heard about people having Guts or Balls, but do you really know the difference between them?**

**In an effort to keep you informed, here are the definitions:**

**GUTS** - is arriving home late, after a night out with the guys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the Guts to ask, Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?

**BALLS** - is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, with lipstick on your collar, and slapping your wife on the butt and having the Balls to say, You're next, Chubby.

**The outcome is the same**

**Both end in DEATH**

**I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions.**

**Medically speaking, there is no difference in the outcome.**

**Both result in death.**

**If you ride like there's no tomorrow, . . .  
. . . .there won't be.**

"Thank you," the blonde said, "And, by the way, it's not a Porch, it's a **Mercedes.!!** "