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Rider News



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DRIVING ROAD SAFETY

Derby Advanced Motorcyclists

May 2013

Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th May, 8pm Start

The Royal Oak, Ockbrook, DE72 3SE

Question & Answer session with guest Roy Stevenson, our IAM Chief Examiner

As many of you are aware we have the pleasure of inviting Roy Stevenson to our May club night, our Derby IAM chief test examiner for the last twenty years.

For any new members not aware he was a Police Riding Instructor for many years, highly trained in various types of vehicles, his passion like ours is for motorcycling where he is heavily involved with Bike safe.

He will be giving us a talk based on road safety and better riding techniques, also he will be available to answer questions on the night. However it would be appreciated that questions that require more detail, please forward these F.A.O John Tizzard, these can then be sent on to Roy.

It's not very often we have Roy coming to visit so lets all make an effort and give him support on the night and tap into his vast experience by asking questions and improving our road safety knowledge.

Geoff Salt

Sunday 19th May to

Hack Green Nuclear Bunker, Nantwich,
Cheshire approx 70 miles each way.

www.hackgreen.co.uk

for those wanting to look around inside the
entry fee is £7.50

Leader – Gordon Constable

Meet at 9am for 9:30 start at 'Starbucks',
Little Eaton (was the Little Chef)



Next Rideouts

If you go on the rideout please get some photos and send in a short report on what you thought about the ride and the destination.



Contributions

If you would like to contribute to the News Letter please email

damnewsletter@derbyam.org.uk

Rideout News

Gordon has joined the committee as run co-ordinator. He will sort ideas of runs, his own and members.



Please contact him if you have ideas or input, advice on routes or if you want to lead runs or get someone else to lead them.

Hopefully there will be a decent run after each club meeting with shorter breakfast runs on Sunday. In between main runs - cafe ideas are needed.

Date – Saturday 20th April

Destination – Ponderosa Cafe, Horseshoe Pass, Wales

Comments – This was the first ride out organised and led by our new Ride Out Co-ordinator, Gordon Constable and I think that he's set a high standard.

11 riders set out from McDonalds, Markeaton, and headed cross country via Long Lane across to the Stoke area and into Shropshire.

The first stop was at the Shropshire Aero Club (www.shropshireaeroclub.co.uk). There was a cafe in the control tower and a small museum housing various WW2 aeroplane bits and bobs including a Spitfire Cockpit and a Merlin engine.

Onwards then into Wales and on to the Ponderosa. This was, as usual, well populated with solo bikers and clubs with examples of all sorts of bikes to ogle at. Did anyone else spot the 'Blue Knight' from Alabama in the lunch queue.

Following lunch 12 of us (! you need to ask Gordon !) headed for home.

The weather and roads were great. The Sentry System worked a treat. I hope even more people will support Gordon on the next run to Hack Green.

(apologies for the lack of photos. My phone broke and they got lost before I could download them JT)

Wednesday 17th April

Club Night Report

Gordon May was our guest speaker with his talk entitled 'Overland to Egypt on a Bantam'.

Gordon's Bantam was a 175cc version modified to take the equipment and spares required for the trip.

Gordon recounted the trip giving details of all the repairs that he had to make and how he had to nurse the Bantam from one bit of shade to the next in order to reduce the overheating in the desert. It was fascinating how he had to be 'chaperoned' through Libia and made some life long friends. Gordon finished the evening selling books of this adventure, his previous trip to India, and the book written by Peggy Iris Thomas, the Gasoline Gypsy, who inspired him with her trip from Canada to Mexico on a Bantam the 1950s.

We'll get Gordon back after eh completes his next adventure.

From the Chair

As I sit thinking what to write it's been raining hard and now the sun is trying to push it's way through. Still, the Bank Holiday weekend wasn't bad, let's hope we get some more good weather and can do a few miles without the linings in our jackets and trousers.

For me, the cycling season is well under way. No, I don't ride the things, but I do belong to the National Escort Group who marshall Cycling Road Races, Triathlons and Sportives. Next Sunday we will at the Regional Chamionships so won't be able to make this months ride out. These guys will be chasing us around at an average of 25mph, easily getting up to 40-45mph on the downhill sections. It makes you very good at using your mirrors as they take no prisoners if they chatch you up! Any excuse to ride the bike, even better when someone else is paying for the petrol. Anyway, I hope that you will all support Gordon in my absence.



Roy Stevenson will be answering questions at Wednesdays meeting. If you can think of anything to ask, please let me know and I'll pass it on so that Roy can prepare. Questions will also be taken on the night, should be good.

Cheers
John

Observers Notice

Lads and Lasses

Following our last event where we targeted Senior Observers from all the groups in the region, to familiarise them with the new IMI process we would now like to follow with an Observer training day on Saturday the 1st of June.

We are looking for no more than 14 group level Observers to take out on the road in order to refresh their observing qualities.

The format will be roughly the same as the last one, it will be run from central Sutton Coldfield between 9-30am and 4pm and will cost the participants or their Groups £10 per head, for which refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Can we ask that you forward contact details to this mail address of Observers that would like to attend A.S.A.P. please, so that we can make sure that the facilities are in place and send out joining instructions.

Cheers

John Lickley

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Adverts

This section is to advertise trips, events, things, pretty well anything with a vague bike connection. There is no implied recommendation, so if it's

going to cost you money, then make sure that you check it out for yourself. Good luck.



Derbyshire Blood Bikes

Soon to go operational ferrying blood samples from the walk-in centre on Osmaston Road to the Path Lab at the Royal Derby Hospital. Not a great distance but a big step forward for DBB.

www.derbyshirebloodbikes.org

BikeSafe is running again throughout the summer. If you know someone who wants a crack at Advanced Riding, but don't want to join us for whatever reason, then here's an alternate route for them. Full day courses are being run on :



- . Sunday 30th June
- . Sunday 28th July
- . Sunday 1st September

A new departure is to do the Theory Sessions over 2 evenings and the On Road Session at a date convenient to the Rider and the Instructor. The dates for the evening sessions are:

- . Mondays 13th and 20th May
- . Mondays 12th and 19th August.

Check out their web site for details of how to sign up:

. www.bikesafe.co.uk/Police-Forces/Derbyshire.aspx

Well I Never!

CHECK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University . Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake.

The average person over 40 years of age cannot do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is fart cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down

My new neighbour.

She's single... and lives right across the street.

I can see her house from my living room.

I watched as she got home from work this evening. I was surprised when she walked across the street in the rain and up my driveway.

She knocked on my door.

I rushed to open it.

She looked at me, and said, "I just got home, and I am so horny! I have this strong urge to have a good time, get drunk, and have sex all night long! Are you busy tonight?"

I immediately replied, "Nope, I'm free.. I have no plans at all!"

Then she said, "Good! In that case, would you look after my dog?"

Know the Law

Ignorance of the Law is no excuse.

Pass on any tips or new legislation

Do you know of any Cafes, Pubs, Shops etc that are good destinations for a ride?

Share with us, we could do a club rideout.

We can always find a leader if we have a route.

Destination

Me and My Bike

Love your bike? Or maybe not!

Lets hear about your love/hate relationship with your current or a previous bike.

Come on Associates, how's it going?

Is training as you expected?

What has surprised you most?

Good or Bad, share your experience.

Associate News

Any More Ideas?

If you can think of a relevant topic area let us know and we'll get it included.

This is your News Letter so make a contribution!

Events Calendar

Date	Event Details
Wednesday 15 th May, 8pm	<p>CLUB NIGHT – at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook.</p> <p>Our Chief Examiner, Roy, will be making an appearance and answering your questions.</p>
Sunday 19 th May	<p>Rideout – Leader Gordon Constable –'Hacks Green Nuclear Bunker'</p>
Monday 17 th June, 7:30pm	<p>Committee Meeting – Nottingham Road Fire Station</p>
Wednesday 19 th June, 8pm	<p>CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook</p>
Saturday 22 nd or Sunday 23 rd June	<p>Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?</p>
Saturday 6 th and Sunday 7 th July	<p>National Motorcycle Road Rally</p> <p>Want a real biking challenge? See John Tizzard or Stuart Turner for details or visit www.nationalroadrally.co.uk</p>
Wednesday 17 th July	<p>CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook</p>
Saturday 20 th or Sunday 21 st July	<p>Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?</p>
Sunday 28 th July, 1pm	<p>Slow Riding</p> <p>At the Meadows, Derby</p> <p>Let's have some fun whilst practising Slow Riding.</p> <p>Let's see if we can find the people capable of winning the ASHES for D.A.M.</p>
Wednesday 21 st August	<p>CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook</p>
Saturday 24 th or Sunday 25 th August	<p>Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?</p>
Wednesday 18 th September	<p>CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook</p>
Saturday 21 st or Sunday 22 nd September	<p>Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?</p>

Monday 23 rd September, 7:30pm	Committee Meeting – Nottingham Road Fire Station
Wednesday 16 th October	CLUB NIGHT – with a difference - Royal Oak, Ockbrook – BEER FESTIVAL
Saturday 19 th or Sunday 20 th October	Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?
Wednesday 20 th November, 8pm	CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Saturday 23 rd or Sunday 24 th November	Rideout – Nothing planned yet – Any ideas ?
Wednesday 18 th December, 8pm	CLUB NIGHT – Royal Oak, Ockbrook

Committee Members

Chair	John Tizzard
Secretary	Stuart Turner
Associate Co-ordinator	Stuart Turner
Treasurer	Mick Ford
Membership Secretary	Richard Ballard
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