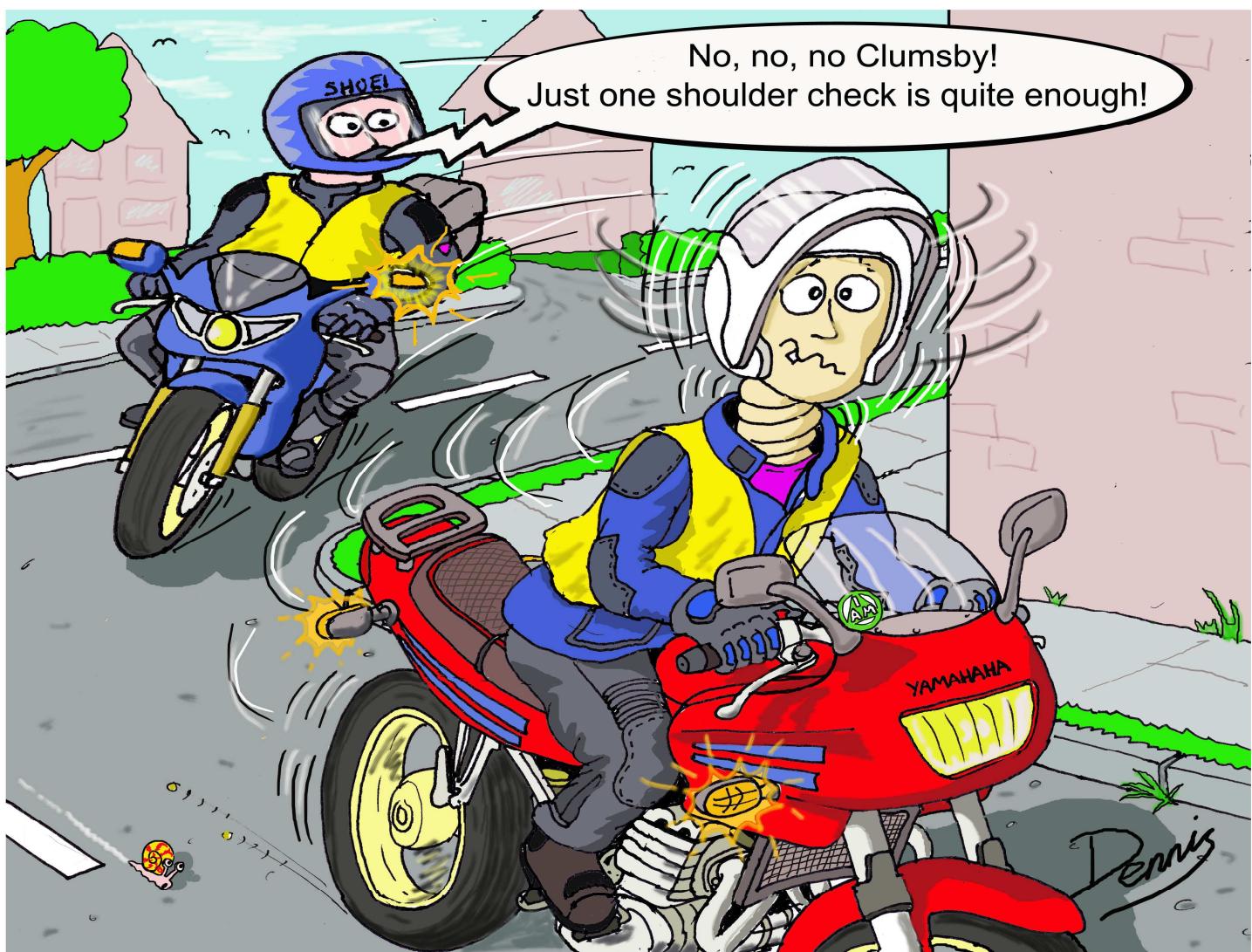


D.A.M.

RIDER NEWS



Autumn 2013



D.A.M. Meetings:
Third Wednesday each month.
The Royal Oak,
Ockbrook,
Derby

A Message from the Chairman.



Having recently been elected as your new Chairman, I would like to thank the twenty full members of our group who took the time to attend our EGM on Wednesday 18 September. My thanks also go to those associate members who attended but were not eligible to vote due to the IAM regulations.

These are exciting times for IAM advanced motorcycling in Derbyshire. As the country's biggest road safety charity, the IAM plays a leading role in road safety across the UK. I am determined to ensure that the core values of the IAM are extended across Derbyshire, to make motorcyclists better equipped to use our road network safely.

Not only do we have some of the most beautiful roads in the country to explore and enjoy, but we are also the largest advanced motorcycle group in our area. Our links with the police, Bikesafe and Derbyshire council have never been stronger. Through these associations, we are able to reach a wide audience of motorcyclists. The IAM are also offering more new products than ever before, such as the Masters qualification, that allow every accomplished rider the opportunity to further develop their skills and to continue to improve their own abilities.

I will be interested to see if we can develop new relationships with other motorcycle groups in Derbyshire, most notably those who successfully use social networking and alternative media. The aim is to encourage a new generation of riders to recognise the IAM, and take the IAM test.

As I said in my manifesto, which was sent by email to every available member, I am determined to work hard as your Chairman to deliver exactly the kind of group that YOU, the members, both demand and deserve. I cannot deliver what you want unless you communicate with me and the committee. Therefore, you will now find it easier to contact any committee member via the contact page on our website www.derbyam.org.uk You will also find our contact details on every newsletter that is published. You can get in touch with any of us to share your ideas and suggestions, which could include anything from club-night meeting venues or ride-out destinations and routes. It is only if you let us know what you want, can we then attempt to deliver.

I am very fortunate to have a wonderful committee that is full of keen, hard-working volunteers who do so much for all of our members. It is the dedication of our committee members that really keeps the group alive, so if you would like to be a part of it and join the team then make yourself known and we will consider your application carefully.

The group also benefits from having a diverse group of observers with many years of motorcycling experience between them, who are prepared to volunteer their spare time to help our associates to achieve the IAM standard of motorcycling. It is important that our associates tap-in to this knowledge and experience in order to pass their IAM advanced test first-time and to a high standard.

In addition to all that, we also have a brilliant runs co-ordinator who facilitates a great range of group ride-outs on differing days of the week, which benefits the vast majority of our members.

I believe that there has never been a better time to be a member of IAM Derbyshire Advanced Motorcyclists.

Thank you all once again for supporting my nomination.

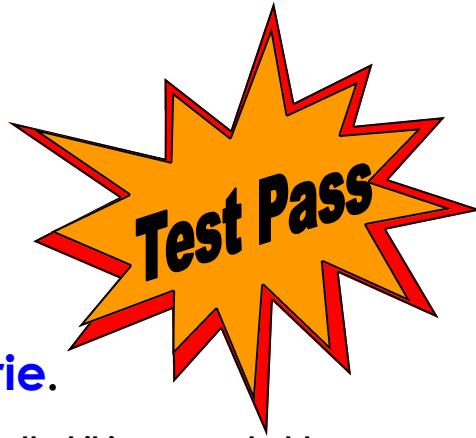
Stephen.

Our congratulations go to:-

Mathew Slack

who passed his Advanced Biker test.

His observer was **Pete MacRorie**.



I would like to say to everyone who passes the IAM test is that it is a remarkable achievement, and every pass should be celebrated and commended. However, it should be seen as the catalyst to developing their motoring skills, rather than now sitting back and basking in glory. The IAM offer several courses for advanced riders to take their skills to the next level, or they could also work towards becoming a local group observer and helping others to achieve the IAM test standard. Riders should look to turn a test pass in to a "First" pass; and "First" pass should look to pass the Masters; a Masters should aim for a "distinction" and so on... There is always another level to achieve. I would also hope that people who pass the test remain engaged with the group, and encourage other riders they know to take the IAM challenge.

Stephen.

From The Editor, DAM News

Dear Members,

D.A.M. has entered a new phase in its long and successful history. You have elected a new Chairman and a new Committee. A fresh start!! A chance to try new ideas, build on past successes and strive to keep D.A.M as one of the very successful groups in the U.K.

Stephen has been nominated as the new Chairman; the membership have confirmed the appointment. Stephen will be supported by your Committee which includes some new blood plus some very experienced long term members. You are in good hands!!

BUT!!

No matter how good the committee is; how hard they work; how many good ideas they put forward progress, success and growth will only happen if the membership participate.

Believe me the old saying..in fact very old saying is true...

"The more you put in the more you will get from the group!"

What will you get?? You will enjoy D.A.M. even more, you will get to know each other better and your whole biking experience will even better.

Join in! Participate! Talk Advanced Riding to mates and bring them to a meeting and let them see that Advanced Riding can also be FUN!!!

Finally!! The sales pitch.

I have been asked to do a news letter for the group. The title indicates that "NEWS" is required and that must come from you!!

When ever you are out on the bike write a note and take a picture. (There is no excuse anymore as EVERYBODY carries a phone and they ALL take photos!!!) Several members have been touring this year..lets hear and see something from you. Don't wait for "The Other Guy To Do It!!"

A paragraph and a photo doesn't take long.

Tell us about a good Biker Café you've discovered.

Without your help the D.A.M News Letter will simply be the few Official Announcements. Is that what you want??

I am hoping to get to a meeting to meet some of you as soon as I can.

Cheers from the far north,



Mike F

How to keep a woman happy...

It's not difficult !!

It doesn't take much !!

A man only needs to be:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. A friend | 23. Very clean |
| 2. A companion | 24. Sympathetic |
| 3. A lover | 25. Athletic |
| 4. A brother | 26. Warm |
| 5. A father | 27. Attentive |
| 6. A master | 28. Gallant |
| 7. A chef | 29. Intelligent |
| 8. An electrician | 30. Funny |
| 9. A carpenter | 31. Creative |
| 10. A plumber | 32. Tender |
| 11. A mechanic | 33. Strong |
| 12. A decorator | 34. Understanding |
| 13. A stylist | 35. Tolerant |
| 14. A sexologist | 36. Prudent |
| 15. A gynaecologist | 37. Ambitious |
| 16. A psychologist | 38. Capable |
| 17. A pest exterminator | 39. Courageous |
| 18. A psychiatrist | 40. Determined |
| 19. A healer | 41. True |
| 20. A good listener | 42. Dependable |
| 21. An organizer | 43. Passionate |
| 22. A good father | 44. Compassionate |

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WITHOUT FORGETTING TO:

45. Give her compliments regularly
46. Love to go shopping
47. Be honest
48. Be relatively rich
49. Not stress her out
50. Not look at other women
51. Give her lots of attention, but expect little yourself
52. Give her lots of time, especially time for herself
53. Give her lots of space, never worrying about where she goes or who she

is with.
BUT IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO:

54. Never to forget:
* birthdays
* anniversaries
* arrangements she makes
* her parents

HOW TO MAKE A MAN HAPPY!

**Give him a bike;
some leathers
and a road to ride!!!**



The D.A.M. Quiz

If you like wearing an anorak over your leathers this is the quiz for you.
If you are an advanced biker you should know some answers as well.
Test yourself!!!

1. What is a carriageway?

- The lanes going one way without a hard shoulder.
- The lanes going one way including any hard shoulder.
- The lanes going both ways without a hard shoulder
- The lanes going both ways including any hard shoulders.

2. Two ways in which the 3-2-1 bar signs for a motorway exit differ from the 3-2-1 bar signs for a railway level crossing?

3. What does the sign with a 30 inside a diamond mean?



4. What is the significance of a single solid white line between two lanes of traffic?

Answers in Highway Code ; and in next issue of D.A.M. Newsletter . Plus 4 more mind boggles

Irishman drinks at the pub until they close.

He stands up to leave and falls flat on his face. He tries to stand one more time and falls again. He figures he'll crawl outside and get some fresh air and maybe that will sober him up.

Outside, he tries to stand up and falls flat again.

He gives up and crawls the four blocks to his house, crawls up the stairs and pulls himself into bed.

The next morning, his wife stands over him shouting, "So, you've been out boozing again!"

"What makes you say that?" he asks, putting on an innocent face.

"The pub called -- you left your wheelchair there again."

D.A.M. Diary-

Next meeting 16th October at The Royal Oak, Ockbrook, Derby.

And then...??? Amaze me!! Send in some dates!!! m_fourie@blueyonder.co.uk